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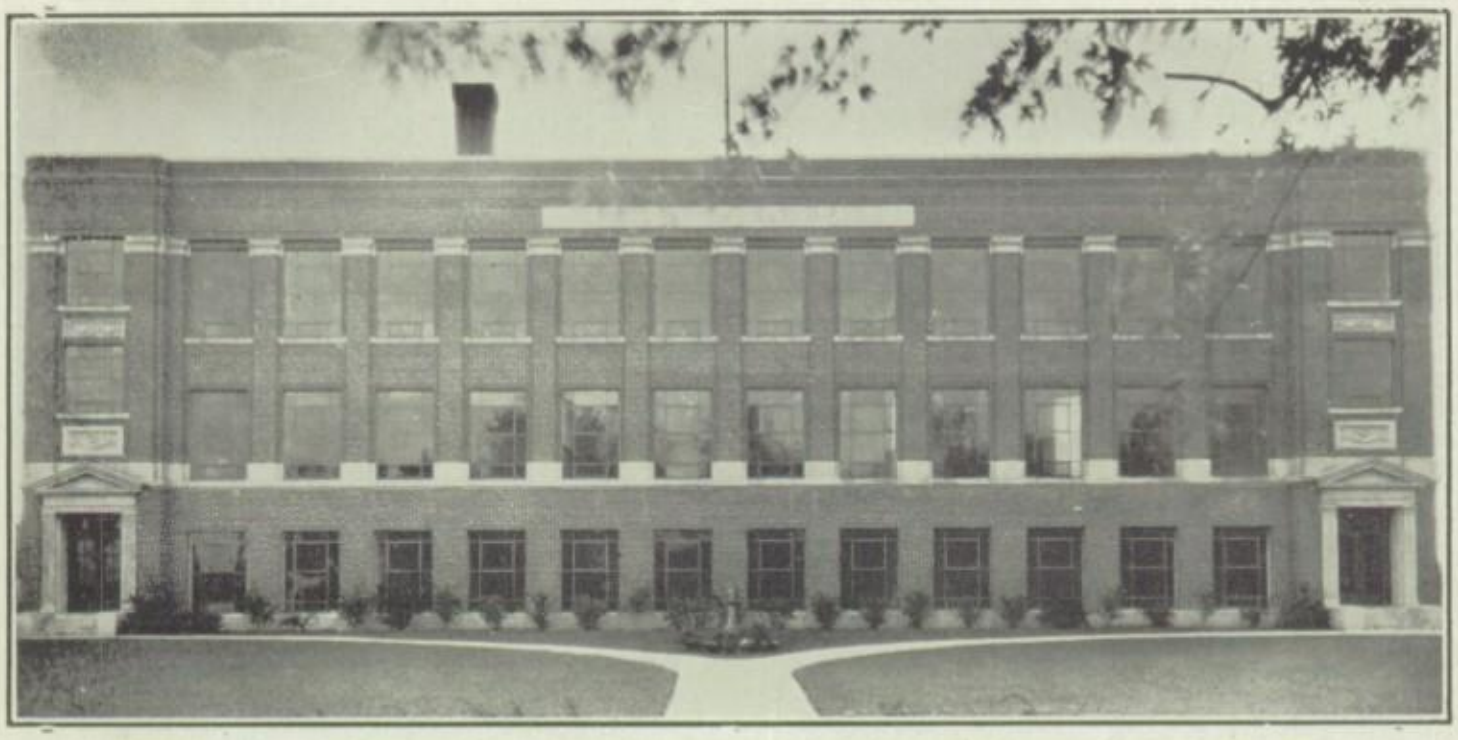
School Song

Faith-ful and true hearted, Let us cheer for our new Hi. We re-
Hon-ors she has taken, on the track and with the ball. May she
vere her and de-fend her and her col-ors prou-dly fly. We will
al ways work the Highest, May her col-ors ne-ver fall. There's no
Stand for her u-nit-ed of her deeds we glad-ly tell, Her colo-rs
other that can match her, When her team is on the field her boys
Stream-ing glad faces beaming; So here's a cheer for her that we love so well
the fleetest her girls the sweetest, Then here's a cheer for her who never will
chorus:
Joy-ous and e-ver lo-yal, Let us boost for our new Hi, Let e-very
Heart sing Let e-very voice ring, Theres no Time to grieve or sigh; Its ev-er
on-ward our course pur-su-ing, May de-feat No'er our ar-dor cool
But u-nited we will boost for her, our new Hi School

Our School



We, the graduating class of '45, wish to express our appreciation of the fine atmosphere and morale that has existed in our school owing to the co-operation of our Board of Education, faculty, and student body.

In looking for the reason underlying this fine spirit, we find the following guiding principles which have been formulated by the faculty and which we believe have helped us to realize our goal:

1. That the individual is more important than being just a member of a group.
2. That an individual can choose the correct solution to a problem only after open-mindedly looking at all possible solutions.
3. That each individual must have his own philosophy of life if he is to survive healthily and happily the storms which will come his way in life.
4. That proper attitudes, ideals, and perspectives are just as important as skills, abilities, and knowledge of facts.
5. That the student be given the opportunity and encouragement to explore various fields of activity in order to learn to know himself.
6. That a student be taught in the feeling of belonging to and being responsible for a group.
7. That a student be taught to respect authority when such authority shows itself to be worthy as judged by the American democratic standards of life.

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Transportation

There are nine busses which gather the rural pupils of the Spencerville district. Two of the busses are new ones purchased this year. Another from Jennings Township, Van Wert County, brings the high school pupils here

Our bus drivers are:

Number 3 Vaughn Shaffer (Jennings)

Number 2 Rev. Ramaker

Number 3 Lowell Evans

Number 4 Mr. McDorman

Number 5 Mr. Mauk

Number 6 Mr. Hausser and Mr. Monfort

Number 8 Mr. Collins

Number 9 Mr. Sakemiller

Number 10 Rev. Abrams

We wish to thank these drivers for their fine work throughout the school year of 1944-1945.

Board of Education

Cloyd Clantz, Harman Wright, Ora Leis, Ralph Jarvis, S. O. Lanning

Mr. Cloyd Clantz, the president, has been a member of the board for eight years. He is also a member of the County Board of Education. He is Deputy Auditor of Allen County.

Mr. Harmon Wright, vice president, has served on the board for two years. He is a successful farmer and specializes in cattle on his farm in Salem Township.

Mr. Ora Leis, a resident of Spencerville, has been a member of the board for two years. He is an employee of the Ohio Power Company in Lima.

Mr. Ralph Jarvis, a farmer of Spencer Township, is serving his seventh year on the board. He is a former member of the County Board and is an active member of the Grange.

Mr. S. C. Lanning, the secretary and treasurer, is the manager of the local Cooperative Elevator. This is his fourth year of service on the board.

Dedication

We, the graduating class of 1945, wish to dedicate this twenty-first edition of the "Echoes" to Miss Deemer, our friend and class sponsor. She has been with us through trial and accomplishment and we are deeply grateful to her.

Appreciation

To our parents and to our community, we wish to express our appreciation for the countless times they have helped us and provided for our education and pleasure during these school years. Our aim shall be to make them proud of us, as we are proud of them.

Honor Roll

1910
Corbett Coil (Army)

1916
Lester Berry (Army)
Vernon Hydaker (Army)
Edward Miller (Army)
Gordon Parrott (Navy)

1920
Lewis Miller (Navy)

1924
John Abbrecht (Navy)
Donald Wright (Army)

1925
Maurice Cole (Navy)
Leonard Kleinoeder (Army)
Howard Post (Army)
Harold Weaver (Army)

1926
Robert Beery (Army)
Roman Brackney (Army)
Carl Buckheimer (Navy)
Vernon Parrott (Army)

1928
Ned Goss (Army)
John Koenig (Army)
Marion Wheeler (Army)

1929
Donald Boyer (Army)
Hallet Donivan (Army)
Walter Kennedy (Army)
Walter Kraft (Army)
Howard Long (Army)
Melvin Lowry (Army)
Robert Miller (Army)
Martha J. Neidhardt (Army)
Bernard Price (Army)
Emerson Stauffer (Army)

1931
Howard Berry (Army)
Harry Donhaiser (Army)
Richard Neidhardt (Marines)
Carl H. Purdy (Army)

1932
Edgar Core (Marines)
Harold Crowford (Navy)
Clayton Goodwin (Navy)
Richard Rider (Navy)
Benjamin Townsend (Army)

1933
Forest Becker (Army)
Max Burnett (Army)
Wilbur K. Coil (Army)
Harold Fissel (Army)
Earl Fritz (Army)
John Gochenour (Army)
L. Howard Post (Marines)
Franklin Wood (Army)

1934
Robert Baldwin (Marines)
Joe Fisher (Army)
Armand Johnson (Army)
Howard C. Miller (Army)
Theodore Miller (Army)
Robert Shaffer (Army)
Robert Price (Army)
Mack Sutton (Army)
Forest Wells (Army)
Joe Wright (Army)
Ned Zimmerman (Army)

1935
Thomas Bassett (Army)
John Cochron (Army)
John Haver (Army)
Austin Hoverman (Army)
Homer Jones (Army)
Raymond Johnson (Army)
Robert Lowry (Navy)
Carl McMichael (Army)
Paul Mitchell (Army)
Edward Post (Army)
Milo Shobe (Navy)
Wayne Sutton (Navy)
John Wolfe (Army)

1936
Dwight Becker (Army)
Lowell Bowersock (Army)
Harold Boyer (Army)
Russell Carr (Army)
Dean Deniston (Army)
John Eley (Army)
Donald Fissel (Army)
John Hilty (Army)
Vaughn Hilty (Army)
Orian Miller (Army)
James Miller (Navy)
William Neidhardt (Army)
Robert Redick (Navy)
Kenneth Sherer (Army)
Paul Sutton (Marines)
Robert Townsend (Army)

1937
Robert Ashton (Army)
William Foster (Army)
Mildred Fritz (Army)
George Koenig (Army)
Lowell Miller (Army)
Ned Miller (Marines)
Nell Jean Neidhardt (Waves)
Clarence Rees (Army)
Ned Roeder (Army)
Roger Reynolds (Marines)
Wilbur Sawmiller (Army)
Wesley Sowards (Army)
George Swygart (Army)

1938
Robert Albbright (Army)
Wayne Becker (Army)*
Floyd Bitters (Army)
Harold Bowers (Army)
Max Burnett (Army)
Charles Davis (Army)
Jack Jarvis (Army)
Jack Kennedy (Army)
John R. Kennedy (Army)
Ray Mack (Army)
Harold Miller (Navy)
Wayne Miller (Army)
John Oehlhof (Army)
Laverne Shaffer (Army)
James Sunderland (Army)

1939
Richard Basset (Army)
Emmett Carnes (Army)
Raymond Hahn (Army)
Joseph Jones (Army)
Arnold Kill (Army)
Ross Koenig (Army)
Raymond Kraft (Army)
Robert McCain (Army)
Harry Miller Jr. (Army)
Lonnie Miller (Army)
Edward Moorman (Army)
Earl Mueller (Army)
William Reynolds (Army)
Warren Shindollar (Army)
Kenneth Wallick (Army)
Joseph Wienken (Army)
Louis Wohlgamuth (Army)

1940
Mary Becker (Army)
Robert Bowersock (Army)
Mark Burnett (Army)
Robert Dicus (Army)
Marjorie Fike (Waves)
Marian Glasgo (Navy)
Carl Goodwin (Army)
Roger Gossard (Army)
Richard Grassley (Army)
Donald Hampshire (Army)
William Hooker (Army)
Doyle Jacks (Army)
Howard Johnson (Army)
Richard Kelly (Army)
Kenneth Kill (Army)
Orville Lauer (Army)
Harmon Meihls Jr. (Army)
Ora Miller (Army)
Henry Miller (Army)
Quinton Morris (Army)
Van Myers Jr. (Army)
Clayton Protsman (Army)
Dean Reed (Army)
Leonard Rothe (Army)
Paul Schindel (Army)
Raymond Seibert (Army)
Ray Wagner (Army)

1941
Max Bowersock (Army)
Ray Becker (Army)
Preston Davis (Army)
Eugene Grear (Army)
Joe Hilty (Army)
Cole Imler (Army)
Albert Miller (Army)
Herbert Morris (Army)
Franklin Mueller (Army)
Robert Mullenhour (Army)
Jack Roth (Army)
William Steiger (Merchant Marines)
Kenneth Sawmiller (Army)
Paul Snyder (Merchant Marine)
Melvin Trentman (Army)

1942
Rodney Abram (Army)
Max Bowersock (Army)
Charles M. Briggs (Army)
Eugene Graham (Army)
Ernest Green Jr. (Marines)
Joe Hilty (Army)
Herbert Morris (Army)
Tom Morrison (Navy)
Robert Patterson (Navy)
Richard Place (Navy)
Thomas Wagner (Army)
Maurice Whetstone (Navy)
Roger Wierwille (Marines)
Robert Wierwille (Marines)
Harold Wilkin (Army)
Abram Whyman (Army)
Jay Young (Army)
Carl Zimmerman (Navy)

1943
Raymond Brandyberry (Navy)
Richard Becker (Army)
Leo Brown (Marines)
Robert Cook (Navy)
Robert Croft (Army)
Raymond Geotz (Marines)
Robert Haller (Navy)
William Horvath (Navy)
Lester Imler (Marines)
Stanley Kohli (Army)
Ben Kelly (Navy)
George McElroy (Army)
Bill McKinley (Army)
Lewis Metzger (Army)
Don Miller (Army)
Robert Miller (Army)
William Miller (Navy)
Robert Mulholland (Army)
Richard Place (Navy)
Robert Schrolucke (Army)
Glen Whitling (Navy)
Bernard Wood (Navy)

1944
Richard Briggs (Army)
Harold Coffman (Navy)
Jack Core (Army)
George Glasco (Navy)
Dean Miller (Army)
Robert Mitchell (Army)
Homer Monfort (Marines)
Leo Paglow (Army)
Robert Rhodes (Navy)
Donald Richards (Navy)
Jay Roberts (Army)
Herbert Shimmoeller (Army)
James Spyker (Army)
Wayne Tone (Army)

1945
Robert Arthur (Navy)
John Evans (Navy)
Vernon Harruff (Navy)

1946
Gail McCain (Navy)
Robert McDonald (Navy)

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School Secretary

Class History

In 1933 twenty-five of the present graduating class started out in the first grade. We enjoyed many days with our teacher, Miss Inez Wright, who taught us our A B C's.

Time passed swiftly by and we found ourselves in the ninth grade with four years of high school ahead. With an enrollment of fifty-five pupils we enjoyed our wiener roasts, a skating party, an assembly program, and a trip to Cincinnati chaperoned by Miss Deemer and Miss Fritz.

Our second year of high school was begun with a class of fifty pupils. This year we enjoyed our wiener roasts and also picked our class rings for the junior year. Again this year we gave an assembly program with the help of Mrs. Sarka.

With the number in our class down to forty-five our junior year held many things in store for us. The rabbit supper and the class play were enjoyed by all, but the highlight of the year was the Junior-Senior Reception We dedicated the honor roll, gave the Ohio and United States Flags, which were purchased with money received from the paper drive we sponsored.

The last and fullest year began with the number in our class decreased to forty-two, a few of whom left before the year was over for the armed forces. Our senior year held many pleasures for all; some of which included the rabbit supper, making of the annual, presenting the class play, and attending the reception. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian were Maxine Kraft and Wilma Teutsch respectively. Last and by far not the least were plans for Commencement and Baccalaureate exercises and the departure from our beloved high school days.

SENIORS
'45

"OUT of SCHOOL LIFE INTO LIFE'S SCHOOL"

BLACK 'N WHITE — RED ROSE

PRESIDENT . . . . . DOT DILLON

VICE PRES. . . . . PAT WOOD

SEC.-TREAS. . . . . MAXINE KRAFT

REPORTERS . . . . MARIAN RICHARDS . . JIM RAPP

S.COUNCIL . . . BETTY STRAYER . RAY METZGER

Berdell Wierwille

On The Sentimental Side

Likes dark corners in shows, is crazy about Carl, she's a real friend, usually appears somewhat sleepy, has pleasing disposition, works hard on school paper.
Chorus 1, 2; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Prince of Peace 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4.

Robert Arthur

I Only Want A Buddy, Not A Sweetheart

He's helping Uncle Sam in the Navy, has a certain way with women, is a good dancer, always has a "G.I." haircut, likes nice quiet places, has a swell personality.

Dorothy Dillon

Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet

Has gangster nose, uses $20 words, likes roller skating and bowling, is true to the Navy, has many odd ways about her.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; President 4; Student Council 1; Eisteddfod 3; Honor Banquet 3, 4; Prince of Peace 1, 2, 3, 4; Ring Committee 2.

Marjorie Sale

Kitten On The Keys

Supreme piano player, is tall and graceful and has a likeable manner, has a mind of her own, always appears neat, is a good student but a better friend, is seldom harsh, works in the dime store.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3: G.A.A. 4; Eisteddfod 2, 3, 4; Honor Banquet 3, 4.

Joe Rapp

Me And My Shadow

Basketball star, stays around town because of love or necessity, wears sharp clothes, wants to settle down. his sportsmanship is an outstanding characteristic.
F.F.A. 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Waiter 2; President 3; Class Play 3; Honor Banquet 3, 4; Ring Committee 2.

Mary Wells

Can't See For Lookin'

She really isn't as quiet as you think, appears as a book worm, is a good English pupil, is easily excited.
Wee Echo Staff 4; Librarian 3, 4.

Joan Moorman

Scatterbrain

Has a laugh all her own, just doesn't understand government, chief ambition is to be a model, can she jitterbug? are you kidding! Short stuff, silly, always pleasant.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1; F.H.A. 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Cheerleader 3; Waitress 2; Eisteddfod 2, 3, 4.

Robert Boyer

Mairzie Doats

Is a "model" farmer, has lots of hair on his chest, blushes quite easily, sort of shy!! Prefers blonds, chief delight is F.F.A.
Chorus 1, 2 F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Annual Staff 4; Reporter 3; Class Play 3, 4; Scholarship test 4.

Vera Fronk

Star Eyes

Is bashful—until she laughs, has pretty eyes, gets a kick out of life, dresses very neat, has high temper, has pretty black hair, is admired by both sexes.
Chorus 1, 2; G.A.A. 4.

Bernice LeMar

Marine Hymn

Is a tall blonde, she keeps her classes peppy, knows lots of cute gags, is another girl for the U.S. Marines, usually pals around with Jean.
G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Buckland 1; Class Play 4.

Jim Koenig

Don't Fence Me In

Is trim rim, sleeps a lot, mostly in school, has well-groomed hair, is the ideal sweater boy, is tall, tan and terrific.
Waiter 2; Student Council 1; Chorus 1.

Peggy Imler

That Old Black Magic

Tells corney jokes, is an attractive girl, buzzes around in a red chevy, always writing letters, she has a swell personality and super-duper shape, is romantic-inclined.
Chorus 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader 2; Eisteddfod 3, 4; Class Play 4.

Ruth Burnett

Rings On My Fingers And Bells On My Toes

Is quiet, comes from the big city of Converse, really drives a '40 Pontiac, is tops in band, has a motherly disposition, has a cute little giggle.
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 4.

Jean Kolter

Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair

Is a real Democrat, is quiet, thinks Paul is okay; wears lot of lipstick, has different outfit every day, has 'oodles of friends.
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2; F.H.A. 2; G.A.A. 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Class Play 3.

Charles Hanby

I've Been Workin' On The Railroad

He's everywhere on his motorcycle, talks all the time and doesn't say much, is another of Miss Deemer's "teaser," he is Mrs. Bower's chief problem, he's very cute.
Chorus 1; F.F.A. 2; Wee Echo Staff 4.

John Reed

I Wish I Had A Sweetheart

His memory is the thing he forgets with, very seldom shaves, is happy-go-lucky, is interested in some Junior girls, sings tenor, he's O.K.
Gomer 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Eisteddfod 1, 2, 3, 4.

Wilma Teutsch

They're Never Too Young or Too Old

Give her a chance, she's still growing, likes Lima guys, innocent eyes, can't keep up with her line of chatter.
Chorus 3, 4; Orchestra 3; Wee Echo Staff 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Lima South 1, 2; Salutatory 4; Honor Banquet 4.

Patricia Wood

Making Whoopee

Really dresses neat, is a heck of a lot of fun, thinks Buckland's O.K., tops in cheerleading, is always losing stuff, uses "slang" language, has a different date every night.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; V. Pres. 3; Pres. 4; G.A.A. 4; Annual Staff 4; Cheerleader 4; Defense Booth 4; Waitress 2; Secretary 2; V. President 4; Eisteddfod 3, 4; Class Play 4.

Marcella Wienken

I'm Making Believe

When she's gotta giggle, she's gotta giggle, is a pretty blonde, she's lots of fun, is tall, shapely and blue-eyed maiden, a good student, 'sort of self conscious.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Waitress 2; Defense Booth 3, 4; V. President 1; Typist for Annual 4; Class Play 3; Prophecy 4.

John Evans

Oh, How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning

Johnny is in the Navy now, is any teacher's dream pupil — always asleep, usually needs a shave, herds a '39 Pontiac around, prefers blondes, he's the carefree type but a wolf.

Maxine Kraft

Paper Doll

Is neat and sweet, wears earrings, has attractive hair styles, never talks much, has a fresh smile for everyone she meets, her ambition is to be a private secretary.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Secretary 4; Treasurer 4; Typists for Annual 4; Honor Banquet 3, 4; Valedictory 4; Ring Committee 2; Scholarship test 4.

Mary Davies

Sophisticated Swing

Is self-styled dramatist, loves singing and dancing, walks like that of a goddess, has a friendly disposition, like "take off" hair-do.
Chorus 1, 2, 3,4; Band 1, 2, 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Eisteddfod 3, 4; Prince of Peace 3; Art Work 1, 2; Honor Banquet 4; Class Play 4.

Ray Metzger

My Ideal

Says little—knows much, has wavy hair, is a math shark, drives a good-looking car. Notice! "He's looking for a mate." He has everything it takes to make an ideal husband.
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4, Honor Banquet 3, 4; Scholarship test 4. President of Student Council.

Betty Metzger

I'll Be Around

Is slick chick, slides her feet when she walks, is another Conant special, write many letters, has pretty hands, likes Alley Oop (in the funnies) likes to tell the referees off.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Annual Staff 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Twirler 1, 2.

Beryl Patterson

Whistle While You Work

Likes volleyball, has natural curly hair, is a tomboy, her locker looks like a cyclone hit it, holds down a chair in chorus, was an ideal First Aid student! Oh, well, who was?
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; G.A.A. 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4; Class Play 4; Scholarship test 4; Honor Banquet 4.

Donna Culver

Chatterbox

Is continually cracking her gum, has snappy brown eyes and a spitfire disposition, is a good pal, she'd do anything for you, try to read her writing!!
Chorus 1, 2; Wee Echo Staff 4.

Clair Oehlhof

Wait For The Wagon

Quiet till you know him, another very cute redhead, likes horse back riding, Grade A Ag. student, tough, but Oh, so gentle!
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Waiter 2; Class Play 3, 4.

Jim Rapp

Straighten Up And Fly Right

Flies better than he drives, is at home in a Piper Cub, runs a grocery store, has very serious attitude toward most things, is henpecked already, he's a grand guy.
F.F.A. 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; V. President 3; Reporter 4; Toastmaster 3; Class Play 3; Scholarship test 4; Honor Banquet 4.

Eloise Taylor

Wonder When My Baby's Comin' Home

Has poetic ability, is waiting for a Willshire guy, tells tall stories, wears a sparkler, loves to roller skate, is set in her ways, is one of our smallest in our class, is flighty.
Chorus 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Eisteddfod 1; York 1.

Betty Strayer

Any Bonds Today

Who knows where her heart is. Is very attractive, works at Newberry's, an ideal school girl, is awkward at times, like the opposite sex, has teeth that resemble pearls.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; G.A.A. 4; Annual Staff Asst. Ed. 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Pres.; Waitress 2; Student Council 4; Class Play 3; Eisteddfod 3; Honor Banquet 3, 4; Prince of Peace 4; Scholarship test 4.

Donna Gaberdiel

Don't Get Around Much Anymore

Reads lot of books, likes the Marines—wonder why? Is about tops in basketball, is a real sport, she blushes a lot.
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1; G.A.A. 4.

Raymond Brooks

Abraham

He's always laughing, is full of the "old nick" but doggone nice guy, where is his tie? is a flirt, drives a V-8, is usually chewing gum.
Chorus 1, 4; F.F.A. 2; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 2; Eisteddfod 4.

Marian Richards

One Meatball

Likes to have lots of fun, blushes easily, mischievous brown eyes, is not choicy as to escort—as long as it's a man, is usually laughing, drives a lot, is a steady church member.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; President; Defense Booth 3, 4; Reporter 4; Student Council 3; Class Play 3; Eisteddfod 3, 4; Prince of Peace 1, 2, 4.

Bessie Reynolds

Rum And Coca-Cola

Her great aim—an efficient stenographer, is a true friend to all who know her, has a freckle here and there, brilliant, she's okay if you don't raise her temper.
Chorus 1; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff Asst. Ed. 4; Student Council 2; Typists for Annual 4; Class Play 3, 4; Scholarship Test 4; Class Historian 4.

Harry Wagner

The Same Old Story

Chief ambition is to become famous, Ralph's best boy?? He sure can type, Mrs. Bower's prize student, is wild and woolly, likes to neck, is short, he's another Delphos man, is a reckless driver.
Chorus 1, 2, 3; Wee Echo Staff 4; Eisteddfod 2, 3.

Anna Zimmerman

Freckles

A nice girl, likes to dance, rather quiet, has innocent-looking eyes and reddish-brown hair, giggles a lot.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Waitress 2; Typist for Annual 4; Reporter 1; Class Play 4; Eisteddfod 4.

Gail Reynolds

Beer Barrel Polka

He's right at home in Delphos, is always with the "Gang," likes night life, never has his English, Miss Deemer thinks he's a pill, it's impossible to embarrass him.
Chorus 1, 2; Wee Echo Staff 4.

Bert Pickering

Speak Low

"My wife shall not rule me," has girl trouble, he's usually sleeping in class, rather dull, fugitive from a cracker-jack box, sprawls all over his seat.
Defense Booth 3, 4; Class Play 4.

Marguerite Wein

My Devotion

She appears so quiet and shy, is a good Commercial student, never has much to say, is cheerful and happy, is always well-pressed.
Chorus 1; G.A.A. 4; Wee Echo Staff 4; Librarian 3, 4; Scholarship Test 4.

Ruth Fissel

My Dreams Are Getting Better All The Time

Likes to argue, has unruly hair, is teacher's pet, is another Jennings brainstorm, is bossy but a nice kid who is sweet in a sour sort of way, outstanding personality.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; G.A.A. 4; Annual Staff 4; Defense Booth 3, 4; Waitress 2; V. President 2; Reporter 1; Eisteddfod 3, 4; Honor Banquet 3, 4; Prince of Peace 4; Scholarship test 4; Ring Committee 2.

Jack Mewhorter

Cowboy Jack

Cowboy, usually wins an argument, sort of a sissy, just look at his hair curl, does he blush easily or is it just reflection?? We wish he could have come to Spencerville sooner.
Dola High 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 3; Class Play 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Science Club 1; Honor Banquet 3.

Vernon Harruff

I'm Beginnin' To See The Light!!

Plays basketball, is of medium height, dark and bull-headed, is picker-upper, has a certain twinkle in his eyes, makes an ideal sailor.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Wee Echo Staff, Editor 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Defense Booth 3; Waiter 2; President 1; Reporter 2; Student Council 3; Eisteddfod 3; Honor Banquet 4; Coach Jr. High Basketball 4.

Valedictory

Parents, friends, faculty, and fellow graduates: It is my privilege to speak on behalf of my classmates on a subject which is uppermost in our minds. Should 18 year olds be given the vote?

Perhaps some of you have already decided that the idea of allowing 18 year olds to vote is absurd, or a few of you, no doubt, think it might be a good idea. For all who are interested I would like to give a few facts about this issue which have been expressed by writers, congressmen, and the American Youth.

Dorothy Fisher, author and member of the American Youth Commission of the American Council on Education, says the voting age should be raised, not lowered. Those who say, since an 18 year old is old enough to fight, he is old enough to vote, haven't thought clearly. Mrs. Fisher believes merely physical abilities are necessary to make a good soldier. A soldier learns instinctive obedience to orders on which his life might depend. This does not develop one's individualism. Quite the contrary. A soldier must be a small part of a unit. Too much individualism might cause well-constructed plans to go wrong through no fault of the unit. A soldier must learn at the very beginning and remember that strict obedience is of the utmost importance. A voter must inform himself about the overall plan proposal, judge by its merits and desirabilities as best he can, then vote accordingly. To do this intelligently, the voter needs good judgment. A soldier as a young person has had no chance to develop or use his judgment to such an extent that it can be depended upon. This is merely Mrs. Fisher's opinion.

Just how long would a soldier live without good judgment? If a soldier is suddenly left in command, if he is on his own, good judgment is the only thing that can help him.

Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, has found that 52% of the public is in favor of lowering the voting age limit compared to the 17% that favored it four years ago. To quote Dr. Gallup: "One objection . . . against lowering the voting age is that young persons 18-20 are not sufficiently well informed to be able to vote wisely, or at least as wisely as they might after attaining a more mature age. Because of the present-day educational requirements, however, the present generation of young people between the ages of 18 and 21 has had considerably more schooling than the average for the whole public. The young people have certainly had more schooling than the voters who are 50 years of age and over--takn as a group."

At this time there are about 7,000,000 people between the ages 18 and 21. There are approximately 48,000,000 voters. This would be increased by 4,500,000 young people who are definitely interested in voting and things in relation to it. This slight increase in voters would not greatly sway an election. By letting the young people vote just after they are out of school or perhaps while they are in their senior year, you can be sure of a larger percentage of eligible people voting since interest is kept alive in schools by discussions of current happenings.

Dr. Virgil M. Hancher, President of the State University of Iowa, says 18 year olds are too young to fight or vote. Dr. Hancher admits a strong case can be made for those young men who have been drafted into military service before the age of 21, but he also says it should be remembered that we adopt many emergency measures in wartime that we would hesitate to recommend as permanent policies for peacetime.

The Chairman of the Self Government Committee, Richard Welling, favors reducing the voting age to 18 if the schools will do their part. Mr. Welling feels that reduction of the voting age limit to 18 years might so alarm schools that they would wake up and put into education something more than the "three R's" and such subjects that bear no relation to the alert citizenship which is needed in a democracy.

Mr. Welling isn't so well informed concerning subjects taught in schools since most schools do teach more than just the "three R's." Such subjects as government, commercial law, business principles, economics, social problems; and organizations such as the Student-Teacher Council, class clubs, debating clubs do bear relation to the alert citizenship needed in democracy.

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York feels that any attempt to lower the voting age is unwise. This proposal could not become effective, if adopted, until the 1946 election, and it is hoped that the situation which now motivates the idea will then be a thing of the past. They also feel schooling should be improved. The immediate effects of the war have been to make it worse.

Recent surveys and discussions in schools on the question of lowering the voting age limit among boys and girls between 12 and 18 have found about 75% favoring the proposal while the rest were against it. It might be interesting to note that those opposed to the proposal are the 17 and 18 year olds whom it would effect almost immedately. They feel they would have to follow a candidate's career after election and uphold his ideas or voice their criticism when he "steps out of line." It is also felt that the younger people would be less likely to be impressed by promises that are not supported by a candidate's record. It was also learned in these surveys that another good argument for lowering the voting age limit is that many young people are earning substantial incomes and are paying income tax. They have a right to vote in order to say how these high taxes should be spent.

Of the Congressmen who were interviewed, approximately 30% were for and 30% were against lowering the voting age. The other 40% either had no opinion or preferred not to divulge it.

It is my opinion that 18 year olds are capable of voting intelligently. Perhaps I'm slightly prejudiced, but when you consider the fact that so many more young people are graduating from high schools than ever before, it should prove to you that we are better educated than former generations were at the same age. Statistics show that high school enrollments have increased from one million in 1910 to seven million in 1940. Surely this is proof that we are better equipped to vote at 18 than former generations were at 21.

The young people deserve this privilege of voting for the part they are playing in the nation's defense today if for no other reason. The highest duty, defense of the State, merits the highest privilege, suffrage.

Upon reaching the age of 18 most young people are out of school or soon will be. They then must assume the responsibilities of adults. With these responsibilities surely they deserve the privilege of an adult—suffrage.

This poem was written by a member of my class:

The way of life is through wisdom of youth;
The way of happiness—through love and truth.
We will strive for the betterment of each of these,
For God set our goal and these are the keys.

Seniors in the Lime Light

Girl Who

1. will be most likely to succeed.....Maxine Kraft
2. has the wittiest personality.....Marian Richards
3. has the most pleasing personality.....Marian Richards
4. is the most mischievous.....Wilma Teutsch
5. is the most serious.....Ruth Fissel
6. is our scatterbrain.....Joan Moorman
7. is most carefree.....Eloise Taylor
8. is always griping.....Donna Culver
9. has that gift of gab.....Joan Moorman
10. has that temper.....Berdell Wierwille
11. is our bookworm.....Maxine Kraft
12. is the wolfess of our class.....Wilma Teutsch
13. has that "come hither" smile.....Clair Oehlof
14. is our study hall chatterbox.....Pat Wood
15. writes to the most service men.....Betty Metzger
16. will make the best mother.....Anna Zimmerman
17. has the fastest puddle jumper.....Ruth Fissel
18. is the best dancer.....Mary Davies
19. is Deemer's pet peeve.....Betty Metzger

Boy Who

1. will be most likely to succeed.....Ray Metzger
2. has the wittiest personality.....Charles Hanby
3. has the most pleasing personality.....Ray Metzger
4. is the most mischievous.....Charles Hanby
5. is the most serious.....Ray Metzger
6. is our scatterbrain.....Gail Reynolds
7. is more carefree.....Jim Koenig
8. is always griping.....Ray Brooks
9. has that gift of gab.....Ray Brooks
10. has that temper.....Vernon Harruff
11. is our bookworm.....Jack Mewhorter
12. is the wolf of our class.....Harry Wagner
13. has that "come hither" smile.....Clair Oehlof
14. is our study hall snoozer.....Jim Koenig
15. is our best athlete.....Joe Rapp
16. will make the best father.....Joe Rapp
17. has the fastest puddle jumper.....Charles Hanby
18. is the best dancer.....Bob Arthur
19. is Deemer's pet peeve.....Harry Wagner

The Impossible

Robert Arthur—was in the Army.
Robert Boyer—was the oldest in the class.
Raymond Brooks—would lose his dice?—No dinner!
Ruth Burnett—would try to bowl.
Donna Culver—couldn't buy gum.
Mary Davies—lost her voice.
Dorothy Dillon—didn't have a roller-coaster on her face.
John Evans—turned Charles Atlas.
Ruth Fissel—couldn't argue.
Vera Fronk—wore an upsweep.
Donna Gaberdial—got fat.
Charles Hanby—didn't have his motorcycle.
Vernon Harruff—couldn't brag.
Peggy Imler—used her own locker.
Jim Koenig—was in a hurry.
Jean Kolter—had her nose pierced.
Maxine Kraft—was dumb.
Bernice LeMar—couldn't laugh out loud.
Betty Metzger—would quit griping.
Ray Metzger—won a boogie contest.
Jack Mewhorter—wouldn't blush.
Joan Moorman—got religion.
Clair Oehlof—had green hair.
Beryl Patterson—was disagreeable.
Bert Pickering—didn't have a long straw.
Jim Rapp—was a quadruplet.
Joe Rapp—didn't go steady.
John Reed—got a zoot suit.
Bessie Reynolds—flunked a test.
Gail Reynolds—Delphos didn't exist.
Marian Richards—was tall and thin.
Marjorie Sale—sang instead of played.
Betty Strayer—knew how to apply First Aid. Tsh-tsh, Betty!
Eloise Taylor—took up wrestling.
Wilma Teutsch—had a steady boy friend.
Harry Wagner—got in early!
Marguerite Wein—learned to jitterbug.
Mary Wells—wore spike heels.
Marcella Wienken—turned man-hater.
Berdell Wierwille—was an old maid.
Patricia Wood—was red-headed.
Anna Zimmerman—caught a bear in her traps.

1. A night at the fair
2. Robert Harruff
3. Charles Armitage
4.. Homer Gaskill
5. Honor roll
6. B. A. D. and her buggy
7. Ralph Avery
8. Future band uniforms
9. College Days

Salutatory

Dear Parents, Teachers, Board of Education, Friends, and Fellow Graduates, this is a salute, a salute to you, teachers, parents, and Board of Education, who have given us the opportunity of a school and also a salute to my fellow classmates for attaining the highest goal of our school life—graduation.

Just how much have our parents in the last twelve years contributed towards our school life? Of course, we all know that they pay taxes and vote "yes" for the levies which keep our schools open, and, I dare say, many of us would not have completed all twelve years of school had it not been for our parents constantly reminding us of the importance of school and helping us along the trials and hardships we come in contact with during our school days. But they have done more than this. They also attend our school plays, concerts, activity nights, and basketball games to make them a success. They help in the cafeteria, giving their services for our rabbit suppers and honor banquets.

The people of the community have helped our school by paying taxes and attending our class plays and other school activities.

Yes, dear parents and friends, we can salute you indeed for making our school days a success.

Now we next salute our teachers. No need to ask what they have done for us during these twelve years, but more definitely the four years of high school.

School life could be very tiresome and trying were it not for our teachers, who made it a joyful task. They have taught "reading, writing, and arithmetic," but also just as important, they have taught us to work with other people and to get along with them, which helps us to develop pleasing personalities.

Our teachers are the backbone of our activity nights, school paper, class plays, junior-senior receptions and, finally, planning with us our graduation exercises.

The Board of Education receives our salute for their work in maintaining our schools. Their job is to handle the financial business of our school and to keep Spencerville High School in class A rating. This group of men also forms the policies which govern our school.

How can we graduates thank our parents, teachers, and the Board of Education for having given us this great opportunity of school? Of course, we can say "thank you," but a better way, I think, is to go forth from here to make a success of our lives.

Many of our members already are showing outstanding success in life by making good in the armed forces of our country. It is in school life that these men learned the discipline and respect that is needed in the Army, Navy, and other branches of the service.

In school life the future secretaries, engineers, and nurses have learned the necessary things for qualification for these fields.

When we are asked, "How did we achieve our success?" we can say "Through our school life in Spencerville High School," and in that way we will be saying "thank you" to our Parents, Teachers, and the Board of Education.

The members of the Graduating Class of 1945 salute our Parents, Teachers, and Board of Education, and also extend to you a most cordial welcome.

Autographs

Class Prophecy

It is the year 1955. I purchased a ticket for the world's cruise from the conductor, Marjorie Sale, of the "Stop, Look, and Listen Tours."

As I boarded the "Mars" I was surprised to meet three of my former classmates, two of whom are now the famous aviators of the world, Silverwings Jim Rapp, pilot, and Ruth Fissel, co-pilot, with Pat Wood, air stewardess.

The first stop brought me into the big airport "Comet." The wealthy owner of it is known to all of us as Motorcycle Kid, non-stop aviator, Charles Hanby. Waiting at the other end of the runway, who should I see but Gail Reynolds, champion wreckless helicop-taxi driver, waiting to take me to the Metropolis of Seniorville.

I said to myself, wonder where I can get a refix-it? What? Here's the Ye Beauty Shop—alterations while you wait, and an up-to-date shop combining the arts of culture and plastic surgery. Walking in I found the proprietress waiting to serve me—Eloise Taylor, the most famous advertised skin renovator, and Vera Fronk, the most famous face lifter in the world.

Looking down the street at a sign, I was aroused with curiosity. It was the very select, not to say expensive shop of Moorman Joan, which carries all designs of gowns for the best dressed women in the country. Here she is, herself, "the glass of fashion and mold of form." As I was talking to Joan, a woman of charm passed the window with so many young children. I at once asked Joan who she was. The reply was Marian Richards, the kindergarten teacher. She is taking her young ones to the public library operated by Mary Wells and Marguerite Wein.

By this time I needed something to eat. I stopped into the "Come and Get It Sandwich Shop," operated by Beryl Patterson. The waitress, Bernice LeMar, the popular "Hedy," was at my service.

As I was coming out the door, whom should I run into but Rear Admiral Bob Arthur, who joined the Navy to see the world through a porthole. He received his high rating when winning the battle between the Daylight Saving Times and the Anti-Daylight Time.

Walking on down the street I came to the Imler Florist Shop . . . Across the street was a large light flashing on and off showing the owners of the Marathon Station to be none other than Jim Koenig and John Evans.

Class Prophecy—Continued

At the corner was another helicop-taxi waiting to take me to the hinterland. Passing through I saw a beautiful field of summer squashes. The driver pointed out that it was Bob Boyer's farm and the neighboring farm belonged to Clair Oehlhof, who specializes in winter wheat. I wonder which one will raise the shorthorns next year? Farther on was a large home being built by the new contractor, Bert Pickering, for the newlyweds, Ray Brooks, who married Anna Zimmerman, the wealthy daughter of the multimillionaire.

Coming closer into the suburbs of the city, I noticed the large "Senior" hospital. The driver told me the famous first-baseman, Joe Rapp, was convalescing after being knocked unconscious at the world series game. Taking time out I strolled up the steps to see him. I found the head nurse to be the pretty-as-ever Betty Strayer. The other head nurses on different floors were Dorothy Dillon, Ruth Burnett, Jean Kolter, and Betty Metzger.

This evening was the great event. I attended the Metropolitan Opera House as guest of Mary Davies, soloist, who got her career dreaming of a canary being chased by a cat, and Donna Culver, pianist. At the door whom should I see but no other than "Ma" Deemer and "Pa" Branstetter with the class of '55.

Seating myself in the center of the balcony, I was able to see a few of my former classmates. In front was seated a woman of charm and grace, Maxine Kraft, who, today, is a very happy and deluxe housewife. How she has changed! Undoubtedly, she grew fat as the result of eating her own cooking. Across from me I noticed Ray Metzger, now a civil engineer who has a contract tunneling the Rockies for the Hollywood commuters.

On the other side is the great professor, Jack Mewhorter. It was not until his success in the isolation of the germs of hay fever, laziness, love, and hate that he became known the world over. At the present every germ in existence wears a life preserver day and night in constant dread of being captured by him.

Coming through the door was the editor, Vernon Harruff, of the Seniorville News, which comes daily. He was followed by his production staff: Harry Wagner, Berdell Wierwille, Wilma Teutsch, Bessie Reynolds, and Donna Gaberdiel.

A large applause was given to the weatherman, John Reed, for his excellent weather we are now having for this event.

I must hasten on for it is time for the "Mars" to continue on its schedule. This means I have come to the end of a perfect day!!

Class Will

Be it remembered that we, the Senior Class of 1945 of Spencerville High School, situated in the town of Spencerville, the county of Allen, and in the State of Ohio, being in our usual unsound state of mind, and in much better temper than usual, do hereby make this, our last will and testament.

We have no specific directions to leave concerning our funeral, but we do hope you will come to praise as well as bury us, forgetting the trifling faults that may have been ours and remembering only our manifold and remarkable virtues.

To our teachers we will the following:

To Mr. Branstetter—less severe winters, but for cases of emergency, tractors by the dozens, also shovels and more manpower.

To Mrs. Bowers—a sound-proof room with a special furnace for heating it.

To Miss Chamberlain—brilliant pupils with ambition and enthusiasm.

To Mr. Collins—every cuss word we uttered in our hopeless attempt to master chemistry and physics.

To Miss Deemer—our liberal supply of slang. Such slang is only appropriate when accompanied by a large wad of gum. May she master both arts during the coming year.

To Miss Fritz—we give the magnificent collection of Latin translations which we have so laboriously written into our books.

To Mrs. Hardesty—studious students, who have plenty of work to do for study halls.

To Mrs. Greetham—a mammoth cafeteria with lines of job applicants.

To Mr. Hausser—a class which can get two jumps ahead and win an argument.

To Miss McManis—an orchestra which will raise the roof off the building. It may lose a beat a skip a measure, but will never miss anything or anybody in the audience.

To Miss Mihlbaugh—a class of flawless individuals. May they be perfect in every way.

To Mr. McDorman—a prompt class with work done on time and perfect. Also a class that never loafs.

To Mr. Riker—longer days and more tires to travel back and forth.

To Mrs. Sarka—more gym classes that are quiet and attentive.

To the Juniors we will the following:

Bob Boyer wills his "quiet, but mischievous ways" to Mirth Carnes.

Charles Hanby wills his "motorcycle" to Bill Pflueger.

Dorothy Dillon wills her "blonde, curly hair" to Joan Gossard.

Robert Arthur wills his "navy career" to Robert McDonald.

Joe Rapp wills his "ability to make the baskets" to Gerald Kohli.

Marian Richards wills "a few pounds" to Mary Foster.

Wilma Teutsch wills her "J. J. Newberry job" to Maxine Roberts.

Marcella Wienken will her "long walks to school" to Robert Moorman.

Raymond Brooks wills "his love of watermelons" to Jack Whitling.

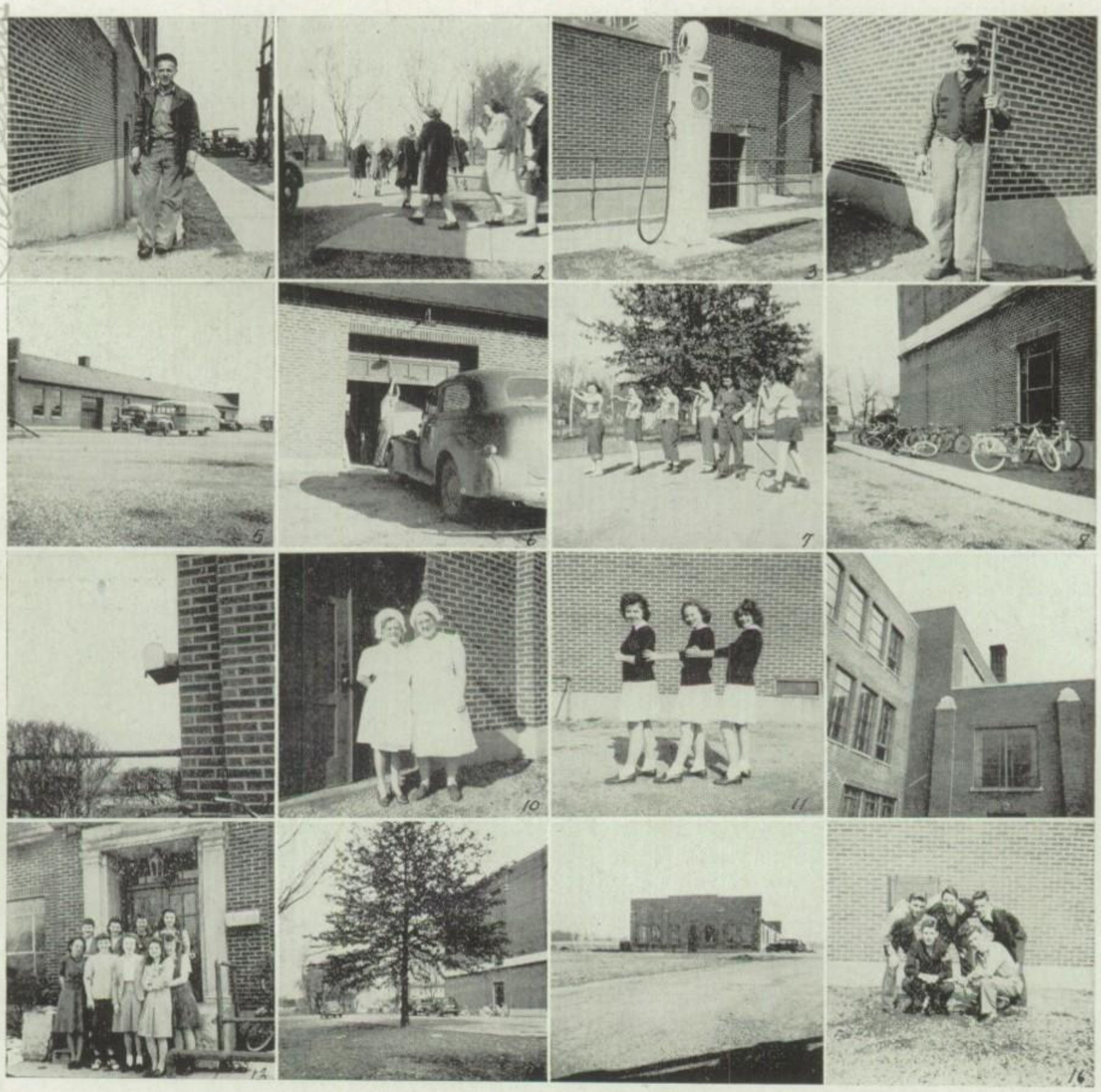
Vera Fronk wills her "silliness" to Melva Arthur.

Jean Kolter will her "Latin translations" to Betty Fissel.

Raymond Metzger wills his "numerous duties" to Joe Becker.
Beryl Patterson wills her "library books" to Naomi Oehlof.
Bert Pickering wills his "M.D. Degree" to Charles Metzger.
Jim Rapp wills his "American history data" to John Ortega.
Donna Culver wills her "height" to Betty Briggs.
Anna Zimmerman wills her "freckles" to Juanita Bowers.
Mary Wells wills her "good nature" to Carolyn Simindinger.
Pat Wood wills her "first place in cafeteria line" to George McComb.
Gail Reynolds wills his "slumber hours" to Wayne Potts.
Ruth Burnett wills her "ambitiousness" to Leona Rider.
Mary Davies wills her "twirling career" to Irene Fryer.
Jack Mewhorter wills his ability "to get along with the teachers" to Norman Hager.
Eloise Taylor wills her "love of fun" to Lois Whetstone.
Berdell Wierwille wills her "broken bones" to Nell Jean Golliff.
John Evans wills his "speed limits" to Bob Car.
Ruth Fissel wills her "loyalty to the army" to Ruth Fritz.
Donna Gaberdiel wills her "blonde hair" to her twin brother, Donald Gaberdiel.
Marjorie Sale wills her "piano technique" to Peggy Davis.
Bernice LeMar wills her "job as waitress" to June Bowersock.
Mary Wells wills her "commercial ability" to Mary Culver.
Vernon Harruff wills his "streamline physique" to Dwaine Grear.
Peggy Imler wills her "bowling ability" to Lee Ramaker.
Jim Koenig wills his "ability to get the car" to Bill Evans.
Maxine Kraft wills her "smallness" to June Whetstone.
Betty Metzger wills her ability "to tell people off" to Bob Brooks.
Marguerite Wein wills her "quiet ways" to Creta Koenig.
Harry Wagner wills his "swooners" to Harold Moorman.
Bessie Reynolds wills her "Wee Echoes' Job" to Lillian Severns.
John Reed wills his "slow talk" to Dwight Miller.
Jim Rapp wills his "flying ability" to Joe Eisley.
Bert Pickering wills his "flivver" to Darrol Keck.
Clair Oehlhof wills her "red hair" to Joe Rohrback.
Joan Moorman wills her "figure" to Phyllis McCray.
Marian Richards wills her "sense of humor" to Martha Roeder.
Vera Fronk wills her "mysterious laugh" to Mildred Seibert.
Charles Hanby wills his "devilment" to Betty Patterson.
Joe Rapp wills his "mind for chemistry" to Robert Ayers.
Mary Davies wills her "many hair styles" to Delphene Kolter.
Eloise Taylor wills her "morning hours" to Madge Mark.
Marcella Wienken wills "more giggles" to Joan Leis.
Donna Culver wills her "temper" to Irvin Strayer.
Bob Boyer wills his "wittiest remarks" to David Jenkins.
Gail Reynolds wills his "Ford Deluxe" to David Shaffer.

Signed: Senior Class

Drawn up by: Marjorie Sale



1. Captain
2. The End of a Perfect Day?
3. Rationed?
4. Keeper of The Brooms
5. Out Yonder
6. Superman
7. Injuns'
8. Iron Horse Days
9. No Letter Today
10. What's Cookin'
11. Rah! Rah! Jr. High! Jr. High!
12. Prison Walls
13. Originators of Activity Nite
14. The Old Oak Tree
15. Three In One
16. Five Stars

Eleventh Grade

First Row: Betty Fissel, Irene Fryer, Betty Briggs, Leona Rider, Peggy Davis, Maxine Roberts, Mary Culver, Phyllis McCray, Delphine Kolter, Madge Mark, Joan Lies, Mary Foster, La Vonne Ramaker, Creta Koenig, Betty Strayer.

Second Row: Mr. Hausser, Naomi Oehlhof, June Bowersock, June Whetstone, Carolyn Simindinger, Joan Gossard, Wayne Potts, Donald Gaberdiel, Joe Rohrbach, Bill Pflueger, Darral Keck, Ruth Fritz, Betty Patterson, Martha Roeder, Lois Whetstone, Mary Parkinson.

Third Row: David Shaffer, Jack Whitling, Bill Evans, Joe Becker, Mirth Carnes, Bob Carr, Norman Hager, Bob Brooks, Jerry Kohli, Irvin Strayer, Harold Moorman, David Jenkins, Joe Eisley, Bob Moorman, George McComb, Dwight Miller, Bob Ayres, John Ortega, Charles Metzger.

OFFICERS

President.....Joe Becker
Vice President.....David Jenkins
Secretary.....Maxine Roberts
Treasurer.....Jack Whitling
Annual Reporter.....Juanita Bowers
Wee Echoes Reporter.....Betty Briggs
Student Council....Robert Moorman, Betty McKinley

September the 5th found sixty-four Juniors returning to serve their school sentence of hard labor. (And fun!!) Of the nine students who have withdrawn, two of the boys are in the armed forces. They are Gail McCain and Robert McDonald.

On September 15th, the Juniors and Seniors all enjoyed the annual wiener roast. (With not one casualty reported!!!)

The acting ability of the Junior Class was presented in the form of a play called "Faith, Hope, and Flarity," on November 10th.

After many days of laborious hunting the boys brought in more than enough rabbits for the annual rabbit supper held November 20th.

The Juniors can rightfully say that they held their own in scholastic activities. In the field of sports, many of the baseball and basketball suits were filled by Juniors. The band, orchestra, and chorus were also favorably represented.

On May 11th the annual Junior-Senior Prom, sponsored by the Juniors, took top billing as the social event of the year.

As we near our goal we wish to thank our sponsors, Mr. Hausser and Mrs. Hardesty, for the helping hand they lent us during this year.

Tenth Grade

First Row: Pat Hanley, Imajean Keck, Jean Miller, Louella Sawmiller, Marjorie Jones, Jeanette Plikerd, Peggy Clay, Willene Thorton, Wanda Thompson, Patty McKinley, Emaline Graessle, June Oakes, JaAnn Richards, Donna Goetz, Frances Wilges.

Second Row: Mrs. Sarka, Robert Youngpeter, Herbert Boyer, Wilbur Little, Joe Richards, Jim Jarvis, Ted Koenig, Robert Louth, Bill Ramsey, Junior Seewer, Donald Metzger, Joe Neidhardt, Tom McDonald, Mrs. Bowers.

Third Row: Albert Grandstaff, Jim Richardson, Carl Haunhorst, Bob Whitling, Richard Reynolds, Gerald Seibert, Jim Young, Marvin Schuller, Bob Leis, Lester Seibert, Bill Miller, Dick Hardesty, Robert Whetstone, Richard McDorman Harold Place.

Fourth Row: Roland Rempfer, Arthur Gaskill, Maurice Hager, Forest Kantner, Bob Leffel, Jim Eustler, Virgil Paglow.

Absent: Lois Coburn, Margaret McKinley.

President ..... Donna Goetz
Vice President ..... Bob Whitling
Secretary-Treasurer ..... JoAnn Richards
Annual Reporter ..... ImaJean Keck
Student Council ..... Peggy Clay and Virgil Paglow
Wee Echoes Reporter ..... ImaJean Keck

At the opening of school in September, fifty-seven Sophomores were enrolled. Out of that number fifty-five were left to finish the year.

Many of our students have taken interest in sports and musical activities. Our class is well represented in baseball, basketball, band, mixed chorus, and orchestra.

With our tenth year behind us we have learned many things which will help us in being successful Juniors.

Ninth Grade

President.....Betty Core
Vice President.....Bill Strayer
Secretary-Treasurer .....Joan Berger
Reporter.....Mary Strayer
Student Council.....Donna Koenig, Bill Britton

The Freshmen and Sophomores held their annual fall wiener roast together again this year. We all enjoyed the refreshments and dancing until 10:30.

This year thirteen new members have enrolled in our class making an enrollment of fifty-four. Most of the new students came from Jennings. Two of them came from Delphos Jefferson and one from Shawnee.

First Row: Dorothy Patrick, Joan Young, Mary Sawmiller, John Keller, Gleadus Kirkendall, John Buchanan, Maxine Erhart, Greta Waltz, Mary Mitchell, Joe Sutton, Bill Britton, Jack Reed, Arlene Patterson, Barbara Gossard, Donna Koenig.

Second Row: Miss Mihlbaugh, Alice Wallace, Idora Jones, Doris Koenig, Wilbur McDorman, Bill Strayer, Willene Thorton, Norman Stout, Orland Freewalt, Tom Arthur, Betty Davidson, Jean McComb, Carolyn Ramsey, Miss Fritz.

Third Row: Marilyn Hiles, Dick Adams, Jim Eustler, Martha Craft, Mariam Haller, Mary Strayer, Grace Alspaugh, Joan Berger, Annabelle Boroff, Betty Core, Gerry Koenig, Earl Gehron, Dick Pickering.

Fourth Row: Junior Bell, Paul Vulgamott, Herman Brandyberry, Steve Horvath, Eugene Shaffer, Loy Sheets, Frank Cogan, Dean Brooks, IrvinBaer, Redmond Wood, Don Miller, Junior Mulholl and.

Eighth Grade

First Row: Ronald Gaskill, Robert Plikerd, Jack Huber, Bernard Deerhake, Tom Lee, Mary DeVilbiss, Edna Sheets, Martha Clark, Greta Binkley, June Point, Betty Roberts, Dick Oehlhof, Loren Jarvis, Harold McKinley, Bob Rupert, Glen Adams.

Second Row: Mr. Collins, Patsy Medaugh, Susan Graessle, Bill Gaberdiel, Carl Lies, Anna Kantner, Jean Metzger, Joan Thompson, Ruth Ann Barnes, Phyllis Biederman, Bessie Jackson, Anna Briggs, Ireta Barnett, Carl Starkey, John Rider, Alvin Saintegnon, Ruth Fronk, Rosemary Roth, Mrs. Greetham.

Third Row: Lealand Wierwille, Melvin Morris, Tom Gossard, Donald Howell, Max Evans, Bob Gehr, Eugene Purdy, Bob Laman, Merle Kohli, Dick Rupert, Lowell Mack, Emerson Mack, Lewis McClanahan, Charles Plikerd, Ralph Wien.

Fourth Row: Charles Adams, Lois Reeder, Juaanita Sakemiller, Nancy Albaugh, LaVonne Strayer, Betty Richardson, Dorothy Place, Betty Sheats, Evelyn Baker, Evelyn Glasco, Juanita Seibert, Joan Wells, Jeanette Seewer, Ruthela Wagner, Velma Suever, James Jones.

Absent: Mary Clark, Dale Satterfield, Dick Roberts.

President.....Eugene Purdy
Vice President.....Ruthela Wagner
Secretary.....Jeanette Seewer
Treasurer.....Bob Rupert
Student Council.....LaVonne Strayer, Loren Jarvis
Reporter.....Bessie Jackson

There are sixty-eight members in the eighth grade, thirty-four boys and thirty-four girls. Our fall wiener roast, which was with the seventh grade, was an occasion which will be long remembered, but of no less importance was our "Activity Night" which took place on the fourth of April.

Seventh Grade

President.....Janet Pickering
Vice President.....Roy Line
Secretary-Treasurer .....Charles Sale
Wee Echoes Reporter.....Jim Schoesker
Annual Reporter.....Fred Easterly
Student Council....Corrine Patterson, Kenneth Mulholland

We held our wiener roast with the eighth grade as usual in the fall. Boxing was a main attraction.

Margie Mueller, John Ickes, Dolly Thomas, and Delores Kill are the new members of our class. Maleda Robinson has withdrawn. There are now 60 members in our class.

We have a club in our Social Science class which we call "The Junior Citizens."

First Row: Charles Sale, Jim Schosker, Ethel Wallace, Adryce Kraft, Janet Pickering, Lynnie Mark, Margie Mueller, Dollie Thomas, Betty Seibert, Lovena Davidson, Shirley Arthur, Janice Wilkins, Fairie Gossard, Betty Clement, Dolores Stout, Bill Maure, Gerald Boyer.

Second Row: Mr. McDorman, Eugene Youngpeter, Marilyn Vulgamott, Betty Lou Miller, Anna Mae Patterson, Corrine Patterson, Wanda Kerns, Mary Jane Snider, Lois Kill, Loretta Bigelow, Anna Jackson, Doris Moorman, June Shepler, Dick Hoverman, Miss Chamberlain.

Third Row: Martin Ashton, Lewis Meeker, Irene Miller, Jean Plickerd, JoAnn Severns, Roger Reed, Bob Leis, Jim Leis, Ruth Vulgamott, Dolores Kill, Mary Rempfer, Don Rupert, Leverle Rockhold.

Fourth Row: John Whetstone, Kenneth Mulholland, Paul Strayer, John Ickes, Bob Hinderlang, Paul Gaberdiel, Clayton Seibert, James Colgan, Ray Line, Willis Harruff, Wayne Bowers, Fred Easterly, Walter Brown, Jack Crowe, Ted Croft.

Absent: Wesley Plickerd.

Jokes

Judge: "What have you to say for sassing the traffic cop?"
Mr. Collins: "I wish I was where there are no traffic cops to sass."
Judge: "Your wish granted—30 days."

Mrs. Bowers: "Joan, what is political economy?"
Joan Moorman: "I suppose it's getting the most votes for the least money."

Boy: "I took my new girl friend to the restaurant last night."
Mrs. Sarka: "How did you get along?"
Boy: "I was so embarrassed at her scratching her head with her fork that I dropped all the peas off my knife."

Teacher: "Bud, what is the difference between sight and vision?"
Bud Metzger: "When my sister goes out in the evening, she's a vision, but when she gets down to breakfast in the morning, she's a sight."

Mr. Riker: "Why does Missouri stand at the head of mule raising in this country?"
Norman Hager: "Because the other end is too dangerous."

Vernon Harruff (Going up to the referee after a game): "Where is your dog?"
Referee: "Dog?"
Vernon: "Yes, you're the first blind man I ever saw that didn't have a dog."

Father: "Mary, who was here with you last night?"
Mary: "Only Bernice, daddy."
Father: "Well, tell Bernice that she left her pipe on the piano."

Mr. Collins: "What is the formula for water?"
Harold Moorman: "H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O."
Mr. Collins: "What do you mean?"
Harold: "Why, you said it was H to O."

Mr. Pickering: "You know my son, Bert, don't you?"
Harry W.: "Yeah, we sleep in the same class."

Mr. Branstetter: "This makes four times I've punished you this week. What have you to say?"
Boy: "I'm glad it's Friday!"

Bob Boyer, Charles Hanby and Clair Oehlhof were repairing the electric light wires. Ruth Burnett drove along the road in her car and when she saw the men climbing the poles, she said: "Look at those darn fools—you'd think I had never driven a car before."

Autographs

School Emblem

In the spring of '44 several girls of our student body got the inspiration that a school emblem would be a joy and pride to own and wear. They petitioned the Student Council as to the possibility of the adoption of such a school emblem.

This fall the Student Council, after giving this matter due consideration, requested the art students of our high school to offer suggestions for a school emblem. Mary Davies, '45, and Dorothy Place, '49, pooled their artistic ability and produced the emblem which our student body finally adopted.

It is the hope and belief of all of us that this emblem may ever be proudly worn by all members of the high school student body and ever remind us of the high ideal for which our school stands.

Student Council

First Row: Bill Britton, Peggy Clay, Ray Metzger, Betty Strayer, Virgil Paglow, Donna Koenig.
Second Row: Loren Jarvis, LaVonne Strayer, Bob Moorman, Miss Deemer, Mr. Hausser, Miss Chamberlain, Corrine Patterson, Kenneth Mulholland.

Officers

President.....Ray Metzger
Secretary .....Betty Strayer

The Student Council, composed of two members from each grade, met several times this year to try to find the best solution to some of the problems which confronted the student body.

Our two main achievements for the year are: First, a decision upon a monogram which every Spencerville High School pupil who wishes may wear. This monogram is to be a bearcat made of black and white felt. Second, after being asked if it were possible to have Jr. High cheerleaders, the Council decided that they would be desirable. Plans for the selection of Jr. High cheerleaders in future years, qualifications, and rules for them to follow were made.

1. Homeward bound
2. Let's go Bearcats, let's go
3. Our lineup
4. Strenuous exercise
5. Patiently waiting
6. Step lively
7. Run-a-way
8. Doctor in the crowd?
9. Guess who it brings?
10. Master builders
11. Our professionals
12. Literature on wheels
13. Advance from the rear
14. 3:45 . . . .
15. Keep 'em flying
16. Going my way?

Echoes Staff

First Row: Maxine Kraft, Ruth Fissel, Ray Metzger, Betty Strayer, Joe Rapp, Marcella Wienken.
Second Row: Imajean Keck, Miss Deemer, Anna Zimmerman, Mary Strayer, Bessie Jackson, Bob Boyer, Clair Oehlhof, Ray Brooks, Jim Rapp, Marian Richards, Pat Wood, Betty Metzger, Bessie Reynolds, Mr. Branstetter, Fred Easterly.

Editor-in-chief	Ray Metzger
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Twelfth Grade Reporter	Marian Richards
Eleventh Grade Reporter	Juanita Bowers
Tenth Grade Reporter	ImaJean Keck
Ninth Grade Reporter	Mary Strayer
Eighth Grade Reporter	Bessie Jackson
Seventh Grade Reporter	Fred Easterly

Wee Echoes Staff

First Row: David Jenkins, Ray Metzger, Jim Rapp, Bob Brooks, Darral Keck.
Second Row: Mary Davies, Anna Zimmerman, Bessie Reynolds, Vernon Harruff, Marcella Weinken, Miss Mihlbaugh.
Third Row: Dorothy Place, Eloise Taylor, Bernice LeMar, Marguerite Wein, Berdell Wierwille, Mary Wells, Charles Hanby, Harry Wagner, Maxine Kraft, Wilma Teutsch.
Fourth Row: Imajean Keck, Betty Briggs, Betty Metzger, Marian Richards, Pat Wood, Mary Foster, Betty J. Strayer, Betty Strayer, Carolyn Ramsey.

The members of the Wee Echoes staff for 1945 are greatly honored in being chosen for this responsibility. We hope that we have succeeded in putting before you a complete record of this year's school activities. We have worked hard to make this possible and hope that it has been appreciated by the readers. We hope the senior class of 1946 will publish a school paper next year and that its work will be rewarded with great success.

Editor-in-chief ..... Vernon Harruff
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Girls' Sports Editor ..... Betty Metzger
Society Editor ..... Patricia Wood
Joke Editor ..... Mary Foster
What's New ..... Betty Strayer
Art Editor ..... Mary Davies
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Senior Reporter ..... Jim Rapp
Junior Reporter ..... Betty Briggs
Sophomore Reporter ..... ImaJean Keck
Freshman Reporter ..... Carolyn Ramsey
Seventh Grade Reporter ..... Jim Schoesker

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Gail Reynolds, Bernice LeMar, Eloise Taylor, Harry Wagner, Mary Wells, Marcella Wienken, Berdell Wierwille, Marguerite Wein, Anna Zimmerman, Marguerite Kirkendall.

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Maxine Kraft, John Evans, Wilma Teutsch, Charles Hanby.

ADVISOR: Miss Mihlbaugh

Parent-Teachers Association

Parent-Teacher Association Officers

Honorary President..E. C. Branstetter
Vice President.....Mrs. E. C. Branstetter
President.....Mrs. Carl Seewer
Secretary.....Mrs .Garner Truesdale
Treasurer.....Mrs. Kenneth Harbison

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Program.....Mrs. E. W. Hausser
Room Mothers.....Mrs. H. G. Deerhake
Music.....Miss Ruth McManis
Membership.....Mrs. Glenn Winegardner
Ways and MeansMrs. Lloyd Krouskop
Hospitality.....Miss Daisy Coit
Publicity.....Miss Helen Reed
Health.....Mrs. Everett Miller
Safety.....Mrs. Stanley Zimmerman

The Parent-Teacher Association regular meeting is the second Wednesday of each month.

The Executive Committee and Room Mothers held separate meetings during the year.

The Room Mothers were very active this year. They worked with the membership committee during the membership drive; it was through the joint efforts of these committees that our enrollment reached the number of 97. This is the largest enrollment the Spencerville unit has ever recorded.

We feel as though this year's work has been successful due to the cooperation shown throughout the year.

The organization purchased a $10.00 bond from the Allen County Tuberculosis and Health Association, bought four blankets for the cot in the sick room at the grade building, sponsored the Girl Scouts, purchased books for the Spencerville branch of the Allen County Library, gave a Founder's Day Contribution, donated to the Allen County Red Cross, served a banquet to the City Farmers of Lima, sponsored a Christmas Pageant which was presented in the high school building by both grade and high schools under the direction of Miss McManis; we recognized each of the past presidents with a gift; we served the Allen County Teachers' Association banquet in April and sponsored the Pre-School Clinic.

The program committee presented very interesting programs during the year. The theme for the year was "Living and Working With Our Children."

In September, Mrs. Drake presented some of her piano students, the historian read the history of our (Spencerville) unit and the aims for the year were read.

In October, special music was furnished by the fifth and sixth grades. The members of the Board of Education were present who presented the school bond issue to the voters at the November election. In November, American Education Week was celebrated. Our guest speaker was Robert Christy, Superintendent of the Delphos School System; and the Girl Scout troop held their Court of Honor and received their achievement awards.

In December, the ministers of the community were our guests of honor and the Christmas message was presented in song, story, and talks from the ministers present. In January, the Boy Scouts' executive, Mr. Leo Gruss, was our guest speaker and ably presented the work being done by the Boy Scouts.

In February, there was no meeting due to the fuel shortage.

In March, we celebrated Founder's Day with a playlet.

April meeting was Fathers' Night, and a Stephen Foster's evening with a review of his life and singing of his songs. The safety committee also had a part.

May was election and installation of officers, with a candle-light pageant portraying the need of cooperation. The health committee also had a part at this meeting.

Junior Class Play

Bob McDonald, Mirth Carnes, Miss Mihlbaugh, Irvin Strayer, Ruth Fritz, Betty Briggs, David Jenkins, George McComb, Juanita Bowers, Darral Keck, Betty Strayer, Jerry Kohli, Dwight Miller, Richard Simindinger, Phyllis McCray, Maxine Roberts.

"Faith, Hope and Flarity"

CHARACTERS

Sally Parsons.....Maxine Roberts
Henry Blodgett.....David Jenkins
Mrs. Olivia Orkney.....Betty Briggs
Mamie.....Phyllis McCray
Faith Crabbe.....Ruth Fritz
Hope Crabbe.....Juanita Bowers
Monty Van Twiller.....Gerald Kohli
Reggie Van Twiller.....Darrol Keck
Quadlander Crabbe.....Dwight Miller
Terence Flarity.....Irvin Strayer
Jack Quinlan.....George McComb
Ivy Lane.....Betty Strayer
Patrick Flarity.....Richard Simindinger

How to sidestep an unwelcome marriage planned for them by an autocratic father is the particular headache that upsets the Crabbe twins, Faith and Hope. Quadlander Crabbe declares one of them must marry Terence Flarity or be disinherited. Terence is likely to arrive at any moment to make this choice of a bride. The twins, though naturally beautiful, make themselves up as ugly as possible in hope that young Flarity will refuse to propose. Flarity appears on the scene with his pal, Jack Quinlan. Inspired by the same bright idea as that of the twins, Terence has disguised his natural good looks by means of a hideous red wig and a crop of freckles, in hope that neither of the twins will accept his proposal. Upon removing their ugly make-up, Faith and Terence quickly fall in love, while Hope and Jack Quinlan follow suit. All ends happily.

Director.....Miss Bessie Mihlbaugh
Assistant.....Mr. Edward Hausser
Stage Managers.....Robert McDonald
Mirth Carnes

Senior Class Play

Pat Wood, Clair Oehlhof, Anna Zimmerman, Bob Boyer, Bernice LeMar, Bessie Reynolds, Berdell Wierwille, Bert Pickering, Beryl Patterson, Peggy Imler, Mary Davies, Jack Mewhorter.

Kenyon Campbell.....Jack Mewhorter
Primrose White.....Bessie Reynolds
Florabelle Campbell.....Patricia Wood
Annabelle Campbell.....Anna Zimmerman
Mrs. Sydney Campbell.....Beryl Patterson
Norma Kirk.....Peggy Imler
Brenda Baynes.....Bernice LeMar
Gaye Brooks (Pigtails).....Mary Davies
Watt Manners.....Bob Boyer
Thurlow Ladd.....Clair Oehlhof
Ursula James.....Berdell Wierwille

Pigtails

The name of the play chosen for the seniors this year is "Pigtails." The play is about a girl who comes to the city to live with some friends. She is used to living on a cattle ranch and her manners are hardly like those who live in the city.

Mrs. Campbell, who doesn't find out about Pigtails coming to live with them until the day arrives for her to be there, is greatly provoked. She thinks that Pigtails doesn't belong there and tries many times to send her back to the ranch.

The father, Mr. Campbell, is a mild, easy-going person, who has two daughters, Annabelle and Florabelle, and a son Kenyon.

Annabelle, the beauty of the family, is wooed by a college chum of her brother's and Florabelle, the strictest of the two, finds romance when she meets Thurlow Ladd.

Pigtails is a great help in solving the problems of Mr Campbell and finally is entangled with Kenyon, who asks her hand in marriage.

Band

First Row: Betty Briggs, Irene Fryer, Jim Jones, Madge Mark, Max Evans, Delphene Kolter, Carl Starkey, Grace Alspaugh, Wayne Potts, Miss McManus.

Second Row: Dorothy Dillon, Betty Strayer, Phyllis McCray, Joan Moorman, Mary Mitchell, Anna Zimmerman, Joe Neidhardt, Ruth Burnett, Juanita Sakemiller, Eugene Shaffer, Tom Lee, Dick Pickering.

Third Row: Rosemary Rothe, Janet Pickering, Jeanette Seewer, Pat Hanely, Mary Foster, Dwaine Grear, Junior Seewer, Donald Metzger, Robert Whetstone, Don Miller, Redmond Wood, Norman Stout, Harold McKinley.

Fourth Row: Nancy Allbaugh, Darral Keck, Ray Metzger, Bob Laman, Jerry Kohli, Irvin Strayer, Harold Moorman, Bill Britton, Harold Place, Loy Sheets, Dick Oehlhof.

President.....Dorothy Dillon
Vice President.....Mary Foster
Secretary.....Patricia Hanley
Reporter.....Betty Strayer

During the summer months, the band did not appear in parades, as in former years, owing to travel difficulties. But with a new and very capable director, Miss McManis, the band participated in several programs during the school year.

This organization, consisting of forty-seven members, participated in the Allen County Music Festival, played for all of the home basketball games, played at the Methodist Church, the Democratic Rally, Community Institute, and appeared in several assembly programs.

Clarinets
Dorothy Dillon
Betty Strayer
Phyllis McCray
Joan Moorman
Mary Mitchell
Anna Zimmerman
Jean Kolter
Ruth Burnett
Joe Neidhardt
Dick Pickering
Bill Shindel
Eugene Shaffer
Loy Sheets
Juanita Sakemiller

Trumpets
Junior Seewer
Don Miller
Dwaine Grear
Tom Lee
Redmond Wood
Norman Stout
Dick Oehlohf
Donald Metzger
Robert Whetstone

Trombones
Ray Metzger
Darrol Keck
Nancy Allsbaugh
Bob Laman

Flutes
Patricia Hanley
Jeanette Seewer
Janet Pickering

Oboe
Mary Foster

Saxaphone
Rosemary Rothe

Sousaphone
Irvin Strayer

Baritone
Harold Moorman

Alto Horn
Bill Britton
Harold Place

French Horn
Gerald Kohli
Carl Starkey
Max Evans

Bass Horn
Harold McKinley

Drums
Delphene Kolter
Madge Mark
James Jones

Drum Major
Betty Briggs

Twirlers
Irene Fryer
Grace Alspaugh
Wayne Potts

Orchestra

The orchestra, under the direction of Miss McManis, had a very enjoyable year. Due to war restrictions and other conditions, however, we had a rather limited number of playing engagements. Some of them were: Junior class play, Farmers' Institute, Senior class play, Baccalaureate and Commencement Services.

The instrumentation is as follows:

First Violins
Ruth Fritz
Joan Gossard
Lois Whetstone
Lavonne Strayer

2nd and 3rd Violins
Bill Strayer
Mary Clark
Loren Jarvis
Lois Reeder
Mary Jane Snider

Violas
Marcella Wienken
Mary Davies

Cello
Stephen Lanning

Flutes
Patricia Hanley
Jeanette Seewer
Janet Pickering

Clarinets
Betty Strayer
Joe Neidhardt

French Horns
Gerald Kohli
Harold Place

Baritone
Harold Moorman
Bill Britton

Trumpets
Carl Seewer
Tom Lee
Dick Oehlhof

Trombones
Ray Metzger
Nancy Alspaugh

Basses
Irvin Strayer
Harold McKinley

Saxophone
Rosemary Rothe

Percussion
Delphene Kolter
Carl Starkey
Max Evans
James Jones

Piano
Lee Ramaker

First Row: Ruth Fritz, Joan Gossard, Marcella Wienken, Stephen Lanning, Mary Davies, Lois Reeder, Bill Strayer.

Second Row: LaVonne Strayer, Lois Whetstone, Martha Clark, Tom Lee, Dick Oehlhof, Junior Seewer, Lee Ramaker, Mary Snider, Loren Jarvis.

Third Row: Betty Strayer, Joe Neidhardt, Rosemary Rothe, Janet Pickering, Jeanette Seewer, Pat Hanley, Jerry Kohli, Irvin Strayer, Harold McKinley, Bill Britton, Nancy Albaugh, Ray Metzger.

Fourth Row: Carl Starkey, Max Evans, James Jones, Miss McManus.

Junior-Senior Chorus

First Row: Betty, Fissel, Creta Koenig, Beryl Patterson, Betty Metzger, Marjorie Sale, Maxine Kraft, Juanita Bowers, Betty Strayer, Peggy Imler.

Second Row: Marian Richards, Joan Leis, Phyllis McCray, Anna Zimmerman, Darral Keck, Ray Brooks, John Reed, Dwaine Grear, Bob Brooks, Vernon Haruff, Wilma Teutsch, Joan Moorman, Peggy Davis, Madge Mark, Delphene Kolter, Miss McManis.

Third Row: Mary Davies, Marcella Wienken, Maxine Roberts, Mary Culver, Irene Fryer, Joan Gossard, Lillian Severens, Ruth Fritz, Dorothy Dillon, Ruth Fissel, Pat Wood, Betty Strayer, Mary Foster.

Fourth Row: David Jenkins, Harold Moorman, Irvin Strayer, Gerry Kohli, Joe Becker, Bob Moorman, Joe Eisley.

President.....Marian Richards
Vice President.....Robert Moorman
Secretary-Treasurer.....Ray Brooks
Reporter .....Darrol Keck

This year the Junior-Senior Chorus under the direction of Miss McManis has rendered entertainment in the field of music. The chorus sang in November for American Education Week. During the Christmas season the chorus took part in the Christmas program held at the high school. In April the chorus participated in the annual Eisteddfod which was held at the high school. Later in the spring the chorus sang at the Baccalaureate Services.

Freshman-Sophomore Chorus

President.....James Jarvis
Vice President.....Junior Seewer
Secretary.....Donna Goetz
Treasurer .....Janet Plikerd
Reporter .....Pat Hanley

The Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, under the direction of Miss Ruth McManis, has participated in several programs during the year. In November, the chorus gave a program with the school orchestra. At Christmas time we were well represented in the choruses and the solo parts of the pantomime, "Christmas," which was a project of the grades and high school. In the spring the group was represented in the Eisteddfod in the solo, small ensemble, and chorus events. The final program of the year was the musical numbers for the Baccalaureate service.

First Row: Pat McKinley, Margaret McKinley, JoAnn Richards, Mary Mitchell, Donna Koenig, Pat Hanely, Martha Craft, Louella Sawmiller, Betty Core, Idora Jones, Carolyn Ramsey.

Second Row: Maxine Erhart, Arlene Patterson, Dorothy Patrick, Carl Haunhorst, Stephen Lanning, Junior Seewer, Jim Jarvis, Bill Miller, Steve Horvath, Dick Hardesty, Peggy Clay, June Oakes, Miss McManus.

Third Row: Willene Thorton, Jeanette Plikerd, Joan Berger, Grace Alspaugh, Mary Strayer, Mary Sawmiller, Betty Davidson, Imajean Keck, Alice Wallace, Joan Young, Gerry Koenig, Marilyn Hiles, Greta Waltz, Emaline Graessle, Donna Goetz.

Fourth Row: Bill Strayer, Bill Britton, Robert Whetstone, Jack Reed, Joe Richards, Redmond Wood, Joe Sutton, Dick Pickering.

Future Farmers of America

First Row: Bill Evans, Jack Whitling, Dwaine Grear, Joe Rohrbach, Roland Rempfer, Joe Richards, Bob Leffel, Wilbur Little.

Second Row—Harold Place, Robert Whetstone, Donald Metzger, David Jenkins, Clair Oehlhof, Norman Hager, George McComb, Bob Boyer, Albert Grandstaff, Robert Youngpeter, Herbert Boyer, Dwight Miller.

Third Row: Orland Freewalt, Bob Whitling, Forest Kantner, Marvin Schuller, Bob Carr, Jim Jarvis, John Reed, Mirth Carnes, Robert Louth, John Keller, Eugene Shaffer, Lester Seibert.

Fourth Row: Junior Mulholland, Bob Lies, Mr. Riker, Jim Eustler, Bill Strayer.

The Spencerville Chapter of Future Farmers of America met and reorganized on September 13 under the supervision of Mr. Karl Riker, who is our new adviser.

We elected the following officers:

President.....Bob Boyer
Vice President.....Norman Hager
Secretary.....Clair Oehlhof
Reporter.....David Jenkins
Treasurer.....George McComb
Watch Dog.....Robert Louth

We held our annual F. F. A., F. H. A. Hay Ride Party on October 30. We had an exceptionally large attendance.

We also conducted a pest hunt in February. Norman Hager's team won over Robert Car's by a score of 5,732 points to 3,560. During the hunt there were 156 rats, 103 sparrows, 7 hawks, 22 starlings, 33 mice, 98 pigeons, and 6 crows killed.

With the kind consideration of the Board of Education, we now have two power tools including a power saw and drill press with a jointer. A 24-bottle electric milk tester is on order.

March 1, we entered the District Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Our team won first place, receiving a gold medal award, in competition with 13 other schools.

Future Homemakers of America

President.....Patricia Wood
Vice President.....Creta Koenig
Secretary.....Ruth Fissel
Reporter .....Marian Richards
Adviser.....Mrs. Greetham

The F. H. A. meets once every month. During the school year we enjoyed a hay ride with the F. F. A. boys. We also had our annual Mother and Daughter banquet.

Many of our meetings were curtailed because of "old man weather." However, we feel that we have accomplished much this year.

First Row: Betty Metzger, Beryl Patterson, Creta Koenig, Pat Wood, Mrs. Greetham, Marian Richards, Ruth Fissel, Betty Strayer, Joan Moorman.

Second Row: Pat McKinely, Jean McComb, Norma Mulholland, Betty Core, Joan Berger, Maxine Roberts, Mary Culver, Mary Foster, Emaline Graessle, Margaret McKinley, Carolyn Ramsey.

Third Row: Mariam Haller, Grace Alspaugh, Annabelle Boroff, Frances Wilges, Imajean Keck, June Oakes, Peggy Clay, Melva Arthur, Martha Rceder, Gerry Koenig.

Fourth Row: Idora Jones, Betty Davidson, Mary Mitchell, Donna Koenig, Arlene Patterson, Barbara Gossard, Dorothy Patrick, Joan Leis, Pat Hanely, JoAnn Richards.

Grade School Operetta

Rumpelstiltzkin.....Dow Wagner

King.....Jerry Gossard

Miller.....Jim Crowe

Miller's Daughter.....LeAnn Neidhardt

Queen.....Phyllis Seibert

Littlest Page.....Donald Bowers

Nurse .....Delores Leis

Prologue Page.....Marvin Miller

Pages.....Blaine Place, Gordon Branstetter, Richard Strayer, and John Deerhake

Guards.....Jim Brooks, Gale Whetstone, Charles Hausser, and Lloyd Seibert

Choruses consisted of cottagers, marketers, queen's attendants, gnomes, and chorus.

This song play of two acts was under the direction of Miss Ruth McManis, Mrs. Iva Grassley, accompanist, the scenery project of the fourth and fifth grades in charge of Mrs. Virginia Cratty, and all the grade school teachers assisted in dressing and make-up of the children.

"Rumpelstiltzkin" was written by Berta Elsmith and Charles Repper, and published by C. C. Brichard and Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

Rumpelstiltzkin

The Prologue to Act 1 takes place outside the castle. The Miller's daughter, in order to become Queen, was to spin straw into gold. At the first attempt she did not succeed. A little man entered the room and said, "What will you give me, pretty Miller's daughter, if I spin the straw into gold for you?" She gave him a necklace; he spun all the straw into gold. She tried again the second night, but did not succeed. The little man appeared again and the ring from her finger was given to him. By morning all the straw was spun into shining gold. This delighted the King very much. "Spin this straw into gold during the night and if you do, you shall be my wife!" When the Miller's daughter was alone, the little man appeared again, but she did not have anything to offer. The little man replied, "Well, promise me if you become Queen you will give me you first child."

Act Two: A year had passed. Inside the castle near the edge of the forest, the Queen had brought a lovely girl into the world. The little man appeared, but she did not wish to give up her lovely child. The little man agreed. "If in three days' time you can find out my name, you shall keep the child." On the third day voices from the forest were heard singing Rumpelstiltzkin. The little man disappeared then and was never seen again.

Coach, Student Managers and Scorekeeper

To Mr. Collins, the coach of our basketball team, we are deeply grateful. He has shown great ability toward coaching our team and has put forth a great effort to make it a successful season for us.

To the managers and scorekeeper we also owe our thanks for the way they have helped to make our year a success. Sportsmanship such as they have displayed will long be remembered.

Bill Ramsey, Jim Rapp, Mr. Collins, Joe Niedhardt.

Varsity Cheerleaders

Mary Foster, Jimmy McKinley, Pat Wood.

Our cheerleaders for this year were the type that we won't forget. Whether our boys were winning or losing they were in there maintaining the school spirit. Owing to the sportsmanship they displayed, our school can proudly say, "You did a fine job, Mary, Harold, and Pat."

Varsity Basketball

First Row: Vernon Harruff, Bob Brooks, Joe Rapp, Jerry Kohli, Bob Moorman.
Second Row: Harold Moorman, Norman Hager, Irvin Strayer.

Our varsity team has come forth this year showing itself to be a fast and hard-hitting quintet. The team got off to a good start by winning five consecutive games before being beaten by Lima St. Johns. After playing eleven league games, we were tied with Elida for the championship, since we had each lost only one game. But in our final league game with Beaverdam, we were defeated by a four-point margin. This gave us a runner-up position in the league with only two losses.

Our first game in the tournament was with Elida. We were beaten by a score of 46-41. This put our team in the consolation bracket. We then defeated Shawnee, Harrod, and Lafayette. In our final game with Elida for the runner-up position, we were defeated in a tough battle by a score of 48-44. Of our total games, including the tournament, we have won sixteen and lost six games.

Two of our players, Bob Arthur and John Evans, were inducted into the Navy and did not get to finish out the season.

A combination of steadfast determination and sportsmanship on the part of the cheerleaders and coach, as well as the players, has won for the team a deep respect by everyone.

Opponent	They	We
Harrod	33	49
Elida	33	48
Ridge*	30	36
Gomer	32	46
Lafayette	32	36
Lima St. Johns*	42	40
Shawnee	36	55
Buckland*	53	28
Beaverdam	33	38
York*	18	25
Elida	40	28
Harrod	20	57
Gomer	21	39
Lafayette	32	60
Shawnee	36	50
Beaverdam	35	31
Delphos St. Johns*	32	38
TOURNAMENT		
Elida	46	41
Shawnee	37	58
Harrod	29	66
Lafayette	22	56
Elida	48	44

*Non-league games.

Reserve Basketball

First Row: Forest Kantner, Bill Evans, Jim Jarvis, Ted Koenig, Virgil Paglow.
Second Row: Robert Youngpeter, Bill Miller, Junior Seewer, George McComb, Joe Eisley.

Much more interest was shown in the reserve team this year, by the spectators as well as the players. Realization of the fact that our future varsity players are in the making is definitely shown by the increased enthusiasm on the part of the players and the coach. This is shown in the team's record of 12 wins to only 5 losses. Here is wishing the very best luck to these reserve players of today, varsity players of tomorrow.

Opponent	They	We
Harrod	24	50
Elida	42	31
Ridge*	27	20
Gomer	16	25
Lafayette	25	11
Lima St. Johns*	31	32
Shawnee	20	32
Buckland	7	18
Beaverdam	25	29
York*	18	35
Elida	29	7
Harrod	12	40
Gomer	33	22
Lafayette	22	34
Shawnee	15	30
Beaverdam	22	24
Delphos St. Johns*	21	40

*Non-league games.

Baseball

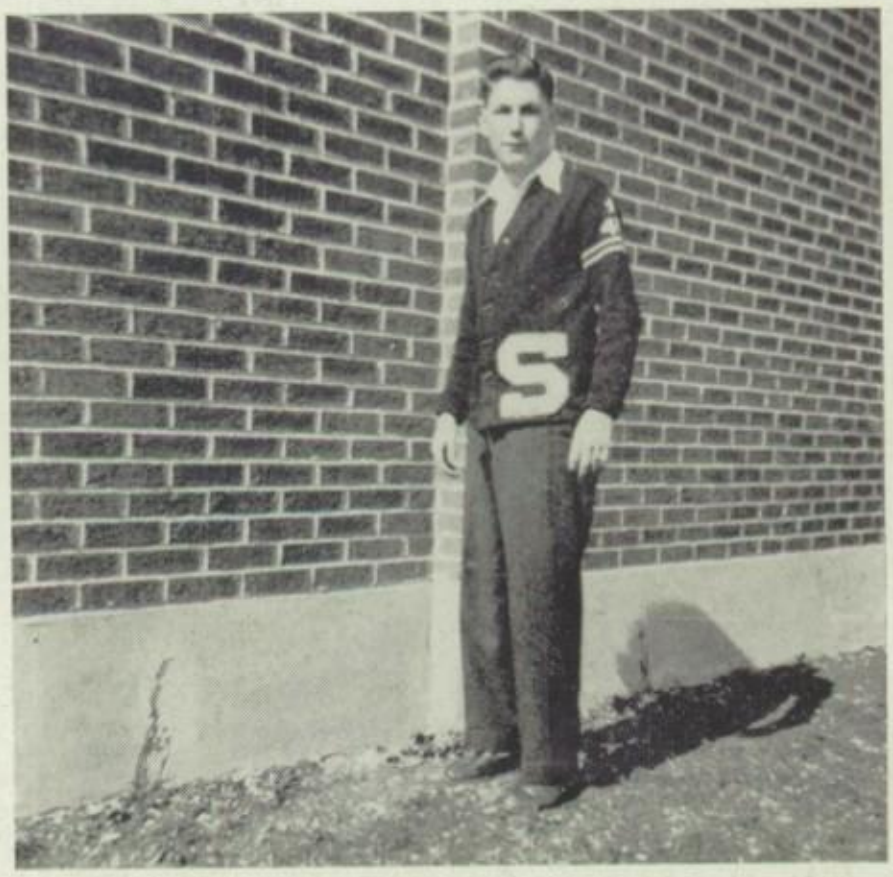
First Row: Virgil Paglow, Vernon Harruff, Junior Seewer, Bob Brooks, Joe Rapp, Jerry Kohli, Bob Moorman, Joe Eisley.
Second Row: David Jenkins, Bill Miller, Norman Hager, George McComb, Harold Moorman.

In spite of the fact that the playing season was shortened by bad weather, there was considerable interest shown in the baseball team. The record for the year showed two wins to six losses. This fact was attributed to bad weather and too few practices. Vernon Harruff was the leading batter with a .444 percentage. All our lettermen except two will be back for another season of baseball.

Opponent	They	We
Shawnee	9	2
Harrod (tournament)	26	3
Harrod	12	6
Gomer	3	2
Elida	4	3
Lafayette	5	6
City	7	9
York	6	2

Junior High Coach

Owing to the war making such a demand on our teachers it was decided that one of the varsity basketball players could coach the Junior High team. The effort and consideration put forth by Vernon proves that with determination in mind we can succeed. We're proud of you, Vernie.



Vernon Harruff

Junior High Cheerleaders

LaVonne Strayer, Nancy Albaugh, Jeanette Seewer

This year for the first time we had cheerleaders for our Junior High team. They were appointed by the Student Council. With what little practice they had with the student body, they did a good job, too. With the ability and effort put forth this year by them we can look forward to having good varsity cheerleaders in the future.

Junior High Basketball

First Row: Herman Brandyberry, Dean Brooks, Eugene Purdy, Max Evans, Irvin Baer.
Second Row: Leland Wierwille, Redmond Wood, Gleadus Kirkendall, Don Miller, Bob Rupert.

The Junior High team has done it again by winning all games played and by taking the Allen County Junior High tournament. This is the fifth consecutive year that Spencerville has had this honor. The team has shown a fine spirit of cooperation during the season. Under the guidance of Vernon Harruff, the coach, these players have proven themselves desirable as future reserve and varsity players.

Opponents	They	We
Perry	12	15
Bath	22	25
Perry	11	20
Elida	18	25
Perry	16	24
Gomer	23	33

G. A. A.

First Row: Joan Moorman, Eloise Taylor, Betty Metzger, Betty Strayer, Ruth Fissel, Marian Richards, Martha Roeder, Ruth Burnett, Lois Whetstone, Mrs. Sarka.

Second Row: Mary Culver, Joan Leis, Marcella Wienken, Marjorie Sale, Berdell, Wierwille, Mary Davies, Bessie Reynolds, LaVonne Ramaker, Beryl Patterson, Bernice LeMar, Joan Gossard, Maxine Roberts.

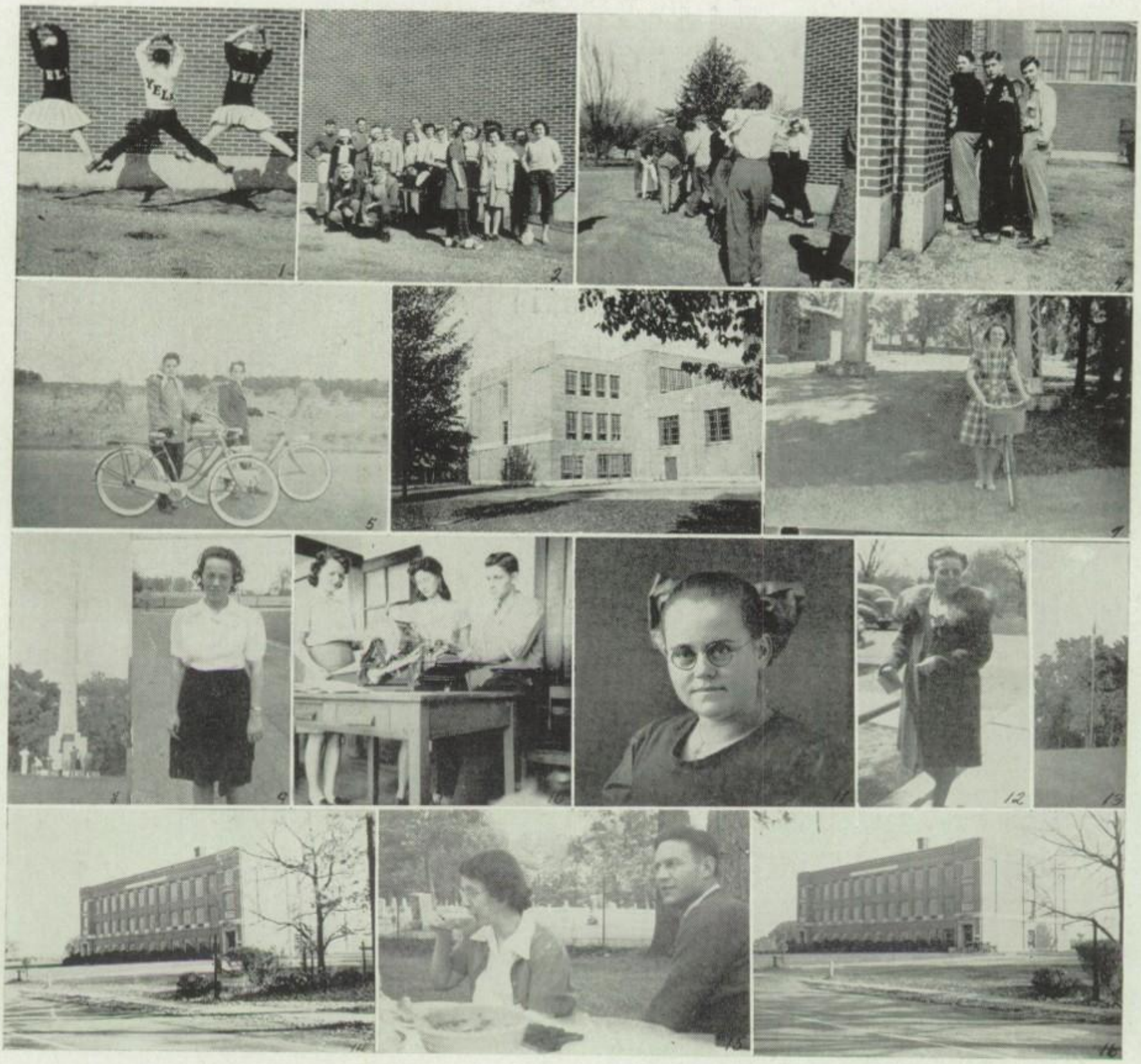
Third Row: Marguerite Wein, Pat Wood, Mary Foster, Creta Koenig, Irene Tryer, Melva Arthur, Vera Fronk, Donna Gaberdiel, Anna Zimmerman, Jean Kolter, Juanita Bowers.

President.....Marian Richards
Secretary-Treasurer.....Ruth Fissel
Reporter.....Betty Strayer

This year with hard work, planning, cooperation, and a love for sports, the girls' activity program merged with a Girls' Athletic Association, which really lived up to its name. A constitution was written; a point system worked out; capable officers chosen; meetings planned for every month; and intramural sports carried through noon hours with great success. Pins or emblems will be gotten by the eligible members who have earned them through the participation in the activities.

A G.A.A. banquet? Ah, yes, and it was wonderful!

With the much appreciated help of our sponsor, Mrs. Sarka, we had a very successful year.



1. In action
2. Hausser's casualties
3. A knotty mess
4. Starring athletes
5. Bike enthusiasts
6. A campus view
7. Beneath the mighty water tower, our history teacher stands
8. Fort Amanda monument
9. Magistrum nostrum laudaumus!
10. Coming off the press
11. Before
12. After
13. "Stars and Stripes Forever"
14. S. H. S.
15. Boss n' wife
16 Alma Mater

Calendar

September

5—Opening date (I'm lost!! Where's room 23? She's cute!!)
15—Junior-Senior wiener roast. (Hot dog!)
22—Faculty and Board Members' wiener roast.
29—Freshman and Sophomore wiener roast.

October

4—Seventh and Eighth grade party.
10—F. F. A. hayride (wait for the wagon).
18—Activity night—second-year Latin class.
24—F. H. A. meeting.
25—Selection of cheerleaders—Congratulations Pat, Mary and Jimmie.
26-27—Northwestern Teachers' meeting—Seniors pictures were taken. (I wonder why???)

November

1—G. A. A. meeting (the girls really had fun).
4—Junior Play tickets go on reserve.
9—Allen County Festival—Junior High grades and band went.
10—Junior Class play, "Faith, Hope, and Flarity." (Fine play.)
13—O. C. A. test for seniors. (What a test!!!)
14—Junior Class party—with plenty of eats.
15—Activity night (Sophomores).
17—Basketball game—Harrod. (Won our first game.)
20—Junior-Senior Rabbit Supper. (Why were the rabbits full of buckshot???)
21—Basketball game—Elida.
22—Assembly (bookkeeping class).
23-24—Thanksgiving vacation—The poor turkeys!!
28—Basketball game—Gomer.
29—Junior High basketball game. Assembly.

December

1—Basketball game—Lafayette.
2—Select Eisteddfod music (it surely is pretty).
6—G. A. A. meeting (Christmas gift exchange).
8—Basketball game—Shawnee.
12—Basketball game—Buckland.
15—Basketball game—Beaverdam.
18—G. H. A. meeting. (What an initiation!!)
19—Junior High basketball game—Bath.
21—Christmas program.
22—Basketball game—York.
23—Christmas vacation begins. (Santa Claus is coming to town.)

CALENDAR—Continued

January

2—School begins again (everyone with lots of resolutions).
4. P.-T. A. meeting.
5—Basketball game—Harrod.
9—Junior High game—Perry.
12—Basketball game—Elida.
17—G. A. A. meeting (postponed because of weather).
19—Basketball game—Gomer.
23—Junior High basketball game—Bath.
24—Allen County Future Farmers night.
26—Basketball game—Lafayette.
30—Basketball game—Shawnee.

February

2—Basketball game—Beaverdam.
9—Basketball game—Delphos St. Johns.
13—Junior High semi-finals.
14—G. A. A. meeting. (The snow was still too deep.)
16—Primary County Varsity Basketball.
17—Semi-finals in basketball.
20—Consolation basketball.
23—Basketball finals. (Nice work, fellas.
24—Final consolation basketball.
28—Farmers' Institute. (Calling all farmers.)

March

1—Farmers' Institute. (Held at Grange during the day.)
3—Sectional basketball.
7—Activity night (Latin class).
9—Assembly (Freshmen).
10—District basketball and Senior Scholarship test—Eight members represented Spencerville.
14—G. A. A. meeting.
15—Teachers' party (even teachers can have fun).
16—Assembly (Freshmen).
23—Grade Operetta. (A very successful program.)
30—No school. Good Friday.

April

11—G. A. A. meeting. (Strictly hens!!!)
13—Eisteddfod—held here this year.
20—Eighth grade test. (Why all the frowns and groans??)

May

4—Honor banquet. (An honor.) District State Scholarship.
9—G. A. A. meeting.
11—Junior-Senior Reception. (A night to be remembered.)
20—Baccalaureate. "Amen."
21—Commencement. "Farewell to our Alma Mater!!"
22—Grade cards—"Yippee! School's out!!"

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A. Night in Tripoli ..... by Richards
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B. Processional March ..... by Tours

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Girls' Ensemble: "The Angel" ..... by Rubenstein

Scripture ..... Rev. Fara Laman

Sermon ..... Rev. C. O. Good

Choir: "Santus" ..... by Gounod

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